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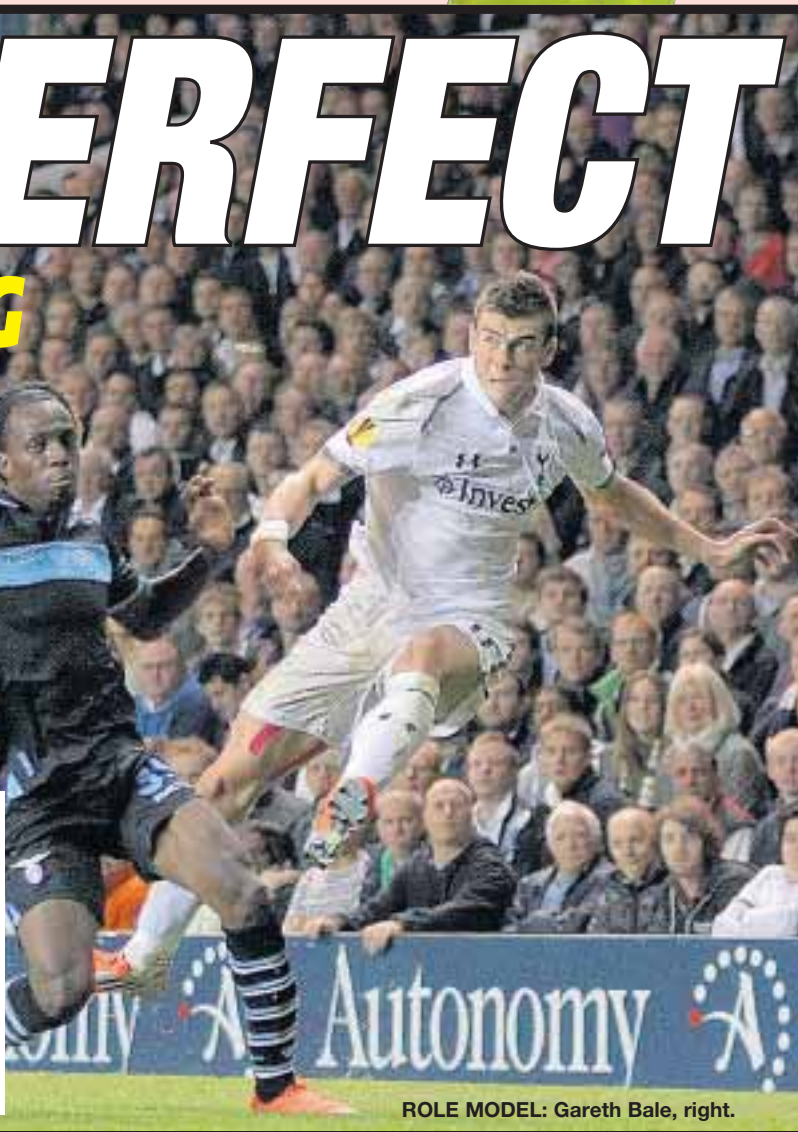
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ROLE MODEL: Gareth Bale, right.

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ANDRE Villas-Boas has no concerns about Jermain Defoe burning out and instead believes the striker is thriving under the pressure of being Tottenham's main frontman.

The 30-year-old has flourished since the Portuguese's arrival as he has gone from a bit-part player under predecessor Harry Redknapp to the side's first-choice striker.

Defoe is also featuring regularly for England, but international football combined with Spurs' domestic and European exertions has raised questions as to whether he can cope with such demands.

The former West Ham man has featured in 15 matches for club and country in the past two-and-a-half months, but Villas-Boas insists he has no concerns about the striker.

"Let's compare it to last year. People were begging for chances and here they are," the former Chelsea manager said.

"Obviously it is a different type of situation, but at this time of the season I am not worried yet.

"You take out the first three games of the season as they were separated by a week, there were international breaks when he played some of the games but not all.

"He still has power and energy in his legs. Also the possibility of him equalling Teddy Sheringham or overtaking him on the top ten of Tottenham's goalscorers is something that motivates him."

The pressure on Defoe's shoulders has been intensified by the lack of out-and-out attacking options at Tottenham, although the return to fitness of Emmanuel Adebayor will help lift the burden on the diminutive striker.

Villas-Boas hopes the Togo international will be available after back pain for tomorrow's trip to Southampton, where several other key players are set to come back into the reckoning.

"Gareth Bale will definitely return and Adebayor we will have to wait and see," he said.

"Mousa Dembele we will have to wait and see, although he is making good progress.

"We've recovered recently Kyle Naughton and Jake Livermore so it is opening up a bit for us in terms of people recovering.

"It gives us the ability to have some fresh legs against Southampton."

Spurs will, though, definitely be without Scott Parker, Younes Kaboul and Benoit Assou-Ekotto.

Michael Dawson is also a doubt through illness, which will mean much of the team that featured in Slovenia on Thursday evening will be utilised once again at St Mary's.

Spurs were held to a disappointing 1-1 Europa League



WORKLOAD: Jermain Defoe, right, has played 15 matches in the past two-and-a-half months.

Villas-Boas not worried about Defoe burn-out



INJURY DOUBT: Michael Dawson.

draw at NK Maribor and now face the challenge of a quick turnaround to face Saints.

"I think we had one of our strongest performances against Aston Villa after a trip to Panathinaikos," Villas-Boas said.

"This is a shorter trip, cer-

tainly we don't have the squad in-depth to give us the options other people might have.

"I think what we are trying to do is not just go through in a competition that means a lot to the club, but also educate the players on this intensity of matches that in the end is

equal to any team playing in the Champions League.

"It is one day more, obviously, than the others and it is our preference to play on Sunday.

"By that previous example of Aston Villa, it leaves us in a comfortable position and hopefully it won't take its toll."

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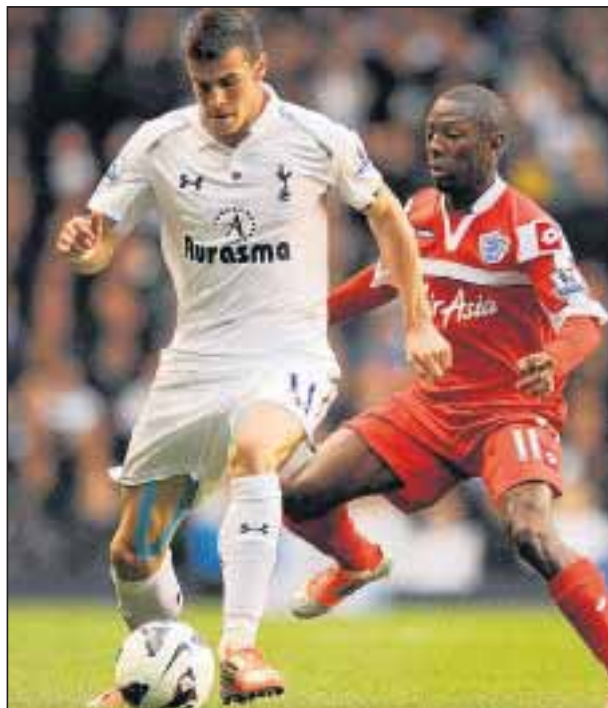
Saints Spotlight

WATCH AND LEARN



LEARNING CURVE: Saints' James Ward-Prowse, main picture, and, inset, Luke Shaw.

BALE'S 'SHINING EXAMPLE' CAN HELP SAINTS YOUNGSTERS



ST MARY'S RETURN: Gareth Bale, left.

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James Ward-Prowse and Luke Shaw are just two of the players who have recently made the step up from academy to first team, and Adkins, pictured right, thinks the duo could learn a lot from how Bale has handled himself throughout his career.

"He is a very professional player," the Southampton manager said.

"He looks after his lifestyle and he is reaping the rewards for doing that.

"He is a shining example of how professional you need to be to be successful at the top level."

Bale will return to Spurs' starting line-up tomorrow having missed their last two games following the birth of his first child.

And, judging by the team's lack of penetration in their defeat to Chelsea and loss at Maribor, the Londoners will welcome back the wide man with open arms.

Before his absence Bale had started to rediscover the kind of form that terrorised Inter Milan at White Hart Lane two years ago.

Adkins is aware of Bale's talents, but he insists his men cannot afford to concentrate solely on shackling the winger tomorrow.

"Every player in the opposition is a threat," Adkins said.

"To concentrate on one player means you neglect the others."

Given their inept defensive performances of late, the south-coast strugglers could have been forgiven for wishing Bale's partner had waited another week before going in to labour.

The Saints' 4-1 thrashing at the hands of West Ham highlighted once

again the defensive frailties that have seen the club take only four points from their opening eight games.

Defender Jose Fonte, who was particularly poor in the defeat at Upton Park, admits his team must improve at the back.

"It's obvious where we have been making mistakes. We know that we can't keep on conceding goals like last week," he said.

"We just need to concentrate and make sure we don't repeat them this weekend."

Southampton's poor league form has left them second from bottom of the table and has raised questions about Adkins' future.

The former Scunthorpe manager has the backing of the majority of Saints fans, having guided the club to back-to-back promotions, and he insisted yesterday that he did not feel his position was under threat.

Indeed Fonte says the 47-year-old has been as jolly as ever around the training ground this week, despite last weekend's humbling in east London.

"This week he was very enthusiastic, as he always is," Fonte said.

"He was trying to keep everyone positive because it's a long season.

"We are only eight games in. There are a lot more points on the table for us to get so we have to make sure we take our points on Sunday."

WHY ALL SAINTS FANS SHOULD BACK ADKINS - PAGE 6

Ultimate tribute for Bale

GARETH Bale was earlier this month given the ultimate tribute for a Welsh footballer.

The former Saints starlet was told: "You're better than Ryan Giggs was at his peak."

The glowing plaudit was delivered the way of Wales' wing wonder by Croatia manager Igor Stimac.

He got his players to double – and even triple – mark Bale at times during the 2-0 World Cup victory in Osijek.

But Stimac still watched on in fear whenever the Welsh star had the ball at his feet.

One surging run at full speed past four helpless Croatian players, which finished with a blistering shot turned aside by goalkeeper Stipe Pletikosa, bore the hallmarks of Giggs in the Wales number 11 shirt during his early-20s pomp.

Bale's stunning exploits, first against Scotland and then in Croatia, have led to inevitable comparisons with his predecessor on the Welsh wing.

For years outsiders dubbed Wales as a team comprising Giggs plus 10 others, and a similar analogy is being made with Bale and Chris Coleman's Class of 2012.

But Stimac, who played against Giggs many times while he starred in the Premier League as a defender with West Ham and Derby, reckons Bale brings even more to the party



BETTER THAN GIGGS:

Gareth Bale has won big praise from Igor Stimac.

than Ryan the Great.

"When I was playing in England, I came up against Ryan Giggs and, of course, he was a good player too, world class," said Stimac.

"But Bale is better than Giggs. He has the skill of Giggs, but he is stronger, has more stature and is much more difficult for a team to deal with because of that.

"Already Bale is one of the top five players in the world, a fantastic wonderful footballer."

Manchester United superstar Giggs scored 12 goals from 64 Wales games, stretching over a 16-year career.

Bale, whose own Wales bow came against Trinidad and Tobago in 2006 when he was only 17 with just two Saints appearances to his name, has already struck nine goals for Wales in 38 appearances, his run including six in his last six matches.

He has now found the net in six of his last seven appearances for his country, and has scored their last five goals in qualifying.

Not since Aaron Ramsey's penalty against Switzerland 12 months ago has one of his team-mates scored.

Saints Spotlight

GARETH BALE left Saints as a raw 17-year-old left-back in May 2007.

He returns to St Mary's for the first time this weekend having developed into one of the best feared wingers in world football.

Here, the Sports Pink charts the Welsh wonder's meteoric rise.

April 17, 2006

Aged just 16 years and 275 days, Gareth Bale makes his first team Saints debut at left back in a 2-0 St Mary's win over Millwall on Easter Monday.

He becomes the second youngest player ever to

appear for Saints, behind

Theo Walcott.

George Burley, himself a full back during his playing career, is rewarded for his faith in the youngster as Saints win 2-0 with goals from Kenwyne Jones (penalty) and Ricardo Fuller.

May 27, 2006

Aged just 16 years and 315 days, he becomes Wales' youngest ever senior international when he appears in a 2-1 victory over Trinidad and Tobago.

August 6, 2006

On just his third senior Saints appearance – and his first away from St Mary's – Bale scores a superb free-kick in a 2-2 draw at Derby in the first game of the 2006/07 Championship season.

August 9, 2006

Three days later Bale scores another direct free-kick as Saints beat Coventry City 2-0 at St Mary's.

October 7, 2006

Bale scores his first senior international goal as Wales are thrashed 5-1 at home by Slovakia in a European Championship qualifier.

March 4, 2007

Bale wins the Football League Young Player of the Year award.

March 28, 2007

Bale scores again as Wales beat San Marino 3-0.

May 12, 2007

Bale plays his last game for Saints, a 2-1 home loss to Derby County in the Championship play-off semi-final first leg at St Mary's.

May 25, 2007

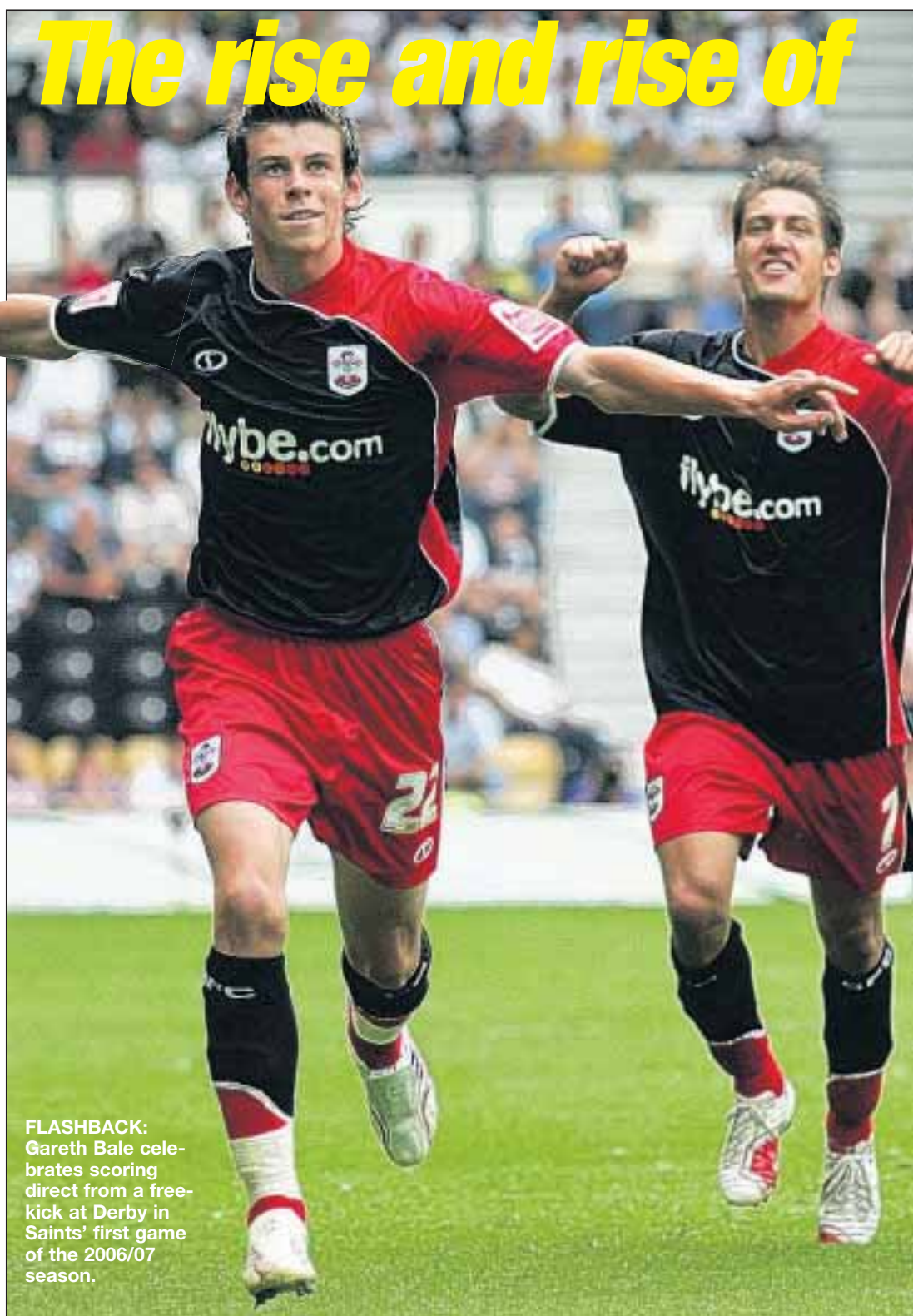
Bale signs a four-year deal at Tottenham, who pay Sants an initial £5m, potentially rising to £10m based on appearances and success. But Saints accept an early £2m payment in 2008 to help their financial troubles. There is no sell-on clause should Bale be sold by Tottenham.

September 1, 2007

Bale scores in only his second Premier League appearance, for Spurs in a 3-3 draw at Fulham.

Bale ends his first season at White Hart Lane having played eight Premier League games, failing to end on the winning side in any of them.

Due to an ankle injury, Bale does-



FLASHBACK: Gareth Bale celebrates scoring direct from a free-kick at Derby in Saints' first game of the 2006/07 season.

n't play any games after December 2007.

2008/09

Remarkably, Bale plays 16 Premier League appearances in his second season at Tottenham, and again fails to appear on the winning side in any of them!

In 33 appearances for club and country, Bale also fails to score.

September 26 2009

More than two years after signing for Spurs, Bale finally appears on the winning side in a league game – at the 25th attempt – a 5-0 home thrashing of Burnley.

April 14, 2010

Bale scores his first Premier League goal since September 2007 as Tottenham beat arch rivals Arsenal 2-1 at White Hart Lane.

April 17, 2010

Bale is on target again as Spurs beat Chelsea 2-1 at home.

May 7, 2010

Bale signs a new four-year deal at Tottenham.

August 21, 2010

Now playing permanently on the wing, Bale scores twice in a league game for the first time in his career as Tottenham win 2-1 at Stoke.

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Saints Spotlight

Gareth Bale



FLASHBACK: A young Gareth Bale, right, pictured in early 2006.



Polite and unassuming star to be

THE name of Gareth Bale was only known to the most fanatical Saints fans when he gave his first interview to the *Sports Pink*; aged 16 years, six months.

When Huw Jennings was the Saints academy director, from 2001-06, he had his young protégés gain early media training through weekly 'interviews' published in these pages, writes **SIMON WALTER**.

Bale took his turn in early February 2006.

Just two months after our 15-minute chat in an unfurnished Portakabin at Saints' Marchwood training ground, Bale was making his first-team debut against Millwall.

Yet less than a year earlier a brilliant display away to Norwich U18s was needed to persuade Saints to offer him a contract, the club having doubted whether he had the physicality for the professional game.

Bale, an unused substitute in the 2005 FA Youth Cup final, was thrust into Saints' first team by

Bale emerges as Saints' trump card after losing Bridge

By Simon Walter

GARETH Bale thrives on comparisons with Wayne Bridge.

After being thrust into the first team, Bale is already being compared to the former Saints and England star, who was the club's most successful player in the academy.

Bale said: "I've seen it and I'm just happy that people compare me to a player like a lot when I was younger and was considered the younger version of Wayne Bridge."

But I think he's probably the best in the world, but Wayne Bridge is not far behind. He's the fastest that I know of in the world. I think he's probably the best in the world, but Wayne Bridge is not far behind. He's the fastest that I know of in the world.

Like Bridge, Bale used to play on the left of midfield and since being spotted by David Whelan, who is based at the club's academy in Marchwood, playing under him.

This season he has worked closely with George Foy, who has been with him since the first year of his career.

"I've seen 'Gazza' as a good player and a good lad with a good attitude and he's very hard working."

Wayne Bridge is a good player and a good lad with a good attitude and he's very hard working.

Bale has been a key figure in the club's success since he has played 15 games for

FLASHBACK: Gareth Bale gave his first interview to the *Sports Pink* in February 2006, two months before his Saints debut.

George Burley the following April.

I first came across him while watching a Saints U18 game on a frosty

Saturday morning at Marchwood in late January 2006.

"Who's the left-back?" I asked. "That's Gareth

Bale, a good player and a good lad - he's Theo's roommate," replied Don Walcott.

Theo had recently left for Arsenal, but Walcott snr was determined to keep supporting his son's Saints U18 teammates until the end of that year, so close was the bond between them and their respective families.

I found Bale polite and unassuming. He even thanked me for taking the time to meet him.

As well as being his first interview, it was also one of the few he gave at Saints as he was cloaked in a veil of protection one he was in the first-team.

What Bale said was hardly back-page news at the time, but it makes for a fascinating read now.

He revealed his admiration for Ashley Cole as well as Wayne Bridge, both players he has now surpassed.

Bale also revealed that he and his dad, Frank, were Arsenal fans. He returns to St Mary's tomorrow with the other giants of north London.

tional performance against Inter, running Maicon ragged at right back as Tottenham claim a 3-1 win at White Hart Lane.

Bale ends the most amazing season of his career with 12 goals.

August 18, 2011

Bale starts the new season by scoring in Spurs' 5-0 Europa League romp at Hearts.

October 7, 2011

Bale scores for Wales in a 2-0 European Championship qualifying win against Switzerland.

October 11, 2011

Bale nets the only goal as Wales win 1-0 in Bulgaria.

April 15, 2012

Bale scores his 13th club goal of the season, a personal best, as Tottenham are thumped 5-1 by Chelsea in the FA Cup semi-final at Wembley.

September 11, 2012

Bale nets for his country again as Wales are thrashed 6-1 in Serbia.

September 16, 2012

Bale scores as Tottenham record their first Premier League win of the season, 3-1 at Reading.

September 29, 2012

Bale is on target again as Spurs win 3-2 at Manchester United.

October 12, 2012

Bales turns in another superb performance for Wales, scoring twice in the last 10 minutes to help his country beat Scotland 2-1 in a World Cup qualifier in Cardiff.

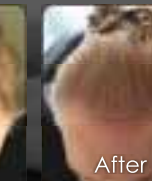
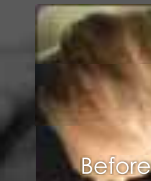
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Gunners do Saints a favour

ARSENAL finally broke the resistance of stubborn ten-man QPR with six minutes remaining to claim a much-needed win – and keep Saints off the bottom of the table.

Mikel Arteta poked the ball home following a desperate goalmouth scramble to earn the Gunners a 1-0 Barclays Premier League victory at a relieved Emirates Stadium.

Bottom side Rangers shot themselves in the foot when Stephane Mbia was sent off in the 80th minute for inexplicably kicking out at Thomas Vermaelen when the QPR man lay on the floor.

And Arsene Wenger's side eventually made them pay, despite being frustrated for most of the game by a succession of missed chances and some fantastic saves from Julio Cesar.

QPR could have equalised in a thrilling finish only for Esteban Granero and Jamie Mackie to see openings go begging.

Had Mark Hughes' team earned a draw, they would have moved off the bottom of the Premier League table at Saints' expense.

Jack Wilshere returned to the Gunners' starting line-up following more than a year out and he was the brightest spark before being withdrawn midway through the second half.

Winless Reading threw away a 1-0 lead and then came from behind twice in the final six minutes to snatch a 3-3 draw at home to Fulham.

Mikele Leigertwood rifled into the top corner from just outside the area in the 26th minute to give the Royals the lead, but Bryan Ruiz levelled with an equally well-struck shot just after the half-hour mark and Chris Baird's 77th-minute header completed the turnaround.

Garath McCleary made it 2-2 in the 85th minute, only for Dimitar Berbatov to appear to win it for the Cottagers three minutes later.

But there was more drama to come as substitute Hal Robson-Kanu struck the equaliser in the final minute.

Aston Villa boss Paul Lambert failed to get one over on his old side as Norwich were more than worth a 1-1 draw at Villa Park.

Lambert, who left the Canaries in the summer, saw his new side go ahead in the 27th minute when Christian Benteke took advantage of poor defending to finish well.

But the hosts were reduced to 10 men in the 52nd minute when Joe Bennett received a second booking.

Norwich got an equaliser their domination deserved thanks to Michael Turner's 79th-minute glancing header and they would have gone on to win it had they not wasted a clutch of chances.

Wigan picked up their first win in seven league matches with a 2-0 success at home to West Ham, who missed the chance to move into a European spot.

Ivan Ramis volleyed powerfully home in the eighth minute and James McArthur's well-controlled finish two minutes after the break doubled the lead.

James Tomkins headed a stoppage-time consolation, but the Latics were already home and dry.

The match between Stoke and Sunderland finished goalless.



Nigel deserves the loyalty of ALL Saints fans

SAINTS' heavy defeat at West Ham has brought Nigel Adkins' future at the club very much into doubt.

Is the man who gave us two successive promotions, and some of the best football we've seen at St Mary's, the right man for the Premiership?

It's the nature of football in the modern era that "form is temporary, class is permanent" is a saying only applied to footballers and not their managers.

You're only as good as the current season and, in this day and age, you're not allowed a blip.

We seem to have the memory of a goldfish when it comes to football.

Many people are reaching for the panic button, many people are questioning Adkins' ability as the club lies in the relegation zone, desperately looking for that run of form that will not only get us to safety but cement our place in the top flight.

Many of us are questioning just why the club overlooked the defence pre-season and just why we're paying such a high price for it right now.

The answer could be a simple one. That in not strengthening the defence, Adkins made a mistake.

That our position is down to the players we have just have not been playing to their potential.

People make mistakes, it's the nature of sport.

No one is perfect and form dips. What makes us sports fans is the ability to get behind the players, come what may.

It's that innate sense of loyalty and belief that makes sport what it is.

There have been rumours aplenty on the Internet this week about the possibility of Harry Redknapp coming back as Adkins' replacement.

I've commented enough times here about my feelings on that happening. I simply won't go to St Mary's if that man was in charge.

The replies to that statement are pretty routine – "it's the club that counts, not the manager" and that by not going I'd be somehow disloyal to the club.

It's funny how these feelings of intense loyalty only extend to the club and not the manager.

We can attend games, come what may, watch dire football and yet still come back for more. We're Saints fans and that's what we do.

But we can't extend that emotion to the manager; the man who, in this case, gave us two of the best years this club has ever seen.

Loyalty is a two-way street. Had Liverpool made an approach for Adkins last season and he'd gone there'd have been uproar.

Where's his loyalty?

How could he leave us?

A few dodgy results and people are actually asking for the return of the possibly the biggest turncoat this club has ever seen.

Where's our loyalty?

Where are our principles?

Are we that desperate to avoid relegation that we'd sacrifice our principles to finance it?

Nigel Adkins is the man who gave us two successive promotions and gave us the best football seen at home for a generation.

Harry Redknapp is the man who relegated us, jumped ship and re-joined our bitterest rivals and kept them up after taking us down.

Just ask yourself, who is the more deserving of our support?

Like all of us, I want Southampton to flourish in the Premier League.

But at what cost?

By deserting the man who got us here at the very first sign of trouble?

Yes, a mistake was made.

The defence should have been strengthened and, yes, tactics have been suspect of late.

But that's no reason for us to suddenly seek to dump the man who has given us so much in such a short period of time.

I find it hard to believe that a man who showed so much use of tactical nous is now a man dependent on 4-3-3 and chronically under-using the man who helped get us to the Premier League, Rickie Lambert.

You can't help but feel another hand is dictating some issues.

Regardless of rumours of internal politics at the club, I know my mind and I know where I stand on who should manage Southampton FC.

That man is the man who got us here in the first place, Nigel Adkins.

Shame on anyone who would dump him at the first sign of trouble.

Shame on any of us who would press that panic button and not show faith in the man who has given us so much.

I've seen it first hand on the pages of Facebook and Twitter with fans calling to Adkins to go.

Some of them have been quite unpleasant in their opinions.

I believe in Nigel Adkins. So should you.

If you doubt it, dust off the videos of last season's herculean achievements and give the man a second, and third, chance if needs be.

It's the very least he deserves...

KEEPING THE FAITH:

Daren Wheeler still believes Nigel Adkins is the right man to be in charge of Saints.



Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



TEN YEARS ON, AND STILL SCORING GOALS:

Wayne Rooney celebrates his strike against Stoke at Old Trafford last weekend.

Roo trumps Messi and Ronaldo

Wayne a better team player than fellow world stars

MUCH has been said of Wayne Rooney's first ten years in the English Premier League.

It is hard to believe that he burst on the scene as a 16-year-old for Everton on October 19, 2002.

Their opponents that day, Arsenal, were on an incredible 30-match unbeaten run.

Rooney's stunning 25-yard curling strike not only brought the Gunners down to earth but also made it a noteworthy introduction as he became the youngest goalscorer in Premier League history.

It provoked rare praise from Arsene Wenger, describing Rooney as the biggest English talent he had seen since his arrival in the country.

The question being asked is whether the 26-year-old has reached his full potential?

If we look at his contribution for his club Manchester United, who he joined in 2004, Rooney has won four Premier League titles, two League Cups and the Champions League.

And, if you like statistics, then his goalscoring record shows 181 in 371 United appearances.

That ratio is considerably better than those of Sir Bobby Charlton – 199 goals – George Best and Andrew Cole.

His eight years at United have proved that the £27m outlay by Sir Alex Ferguson has been a sound investment, with more still to come.

His Desperate Dan approach has often got Rooney into trouble with the authorities, not only at club level but also on the international stage.

He does take it personally if his club or country fail to deliver and his hunger for success is admirable.

As with Lionel Messi of Argentina and Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal, Rooney's contribution at national level has been questioned.

In 2004, at the European Championships, his four goals made him second top goalscorer.

Sven Goran Eriksson, the England manager of that time, compared him with Brazilian legend Pele.

For Rooney and England the following three major international tournaments have been hugely disappointing.

Rooney has scored just one goal in those tournaments, which is very poor compared to his total of 32 England goals which puts him fifth on his country's all time list.

There are certainly mitigating circumstances that must be taken into account.

He carried injuries into the 2006 and 2010 World Cups and was suspended for the opening two games of Euro 2012, his own petulance bringing a red card in the final qualifier against Montenegro.

Messi, Ronaldo and Rooney have won only one Olympic gold medal between them – that by Messi with Argentina in 2008.

If we compare the two La Liga stars with Rooney, I believe the Englishman does more for his team.

Quite often at club and international level he is asked to sacrifice his natural role for the benefit of the team, whereas the other two are given the freedom and licence to play their attacking roles unhindered.

Manchester United and England have pinned their hopes on Rooney since he was 18.

His arrival at United was helped in that he had world class players around him, but at international level you cannot shoulder the responsibility on your own.

That doesn't happen with other European and South American teams who produce whole teams full of top talent.

Rooney is still young and can still maintain the standards he has set for years to come.

In that time he is on course to become England's most capped player and highest goalscorer.

What I can say for sure about Rooney is that, whether playing for club or country, his absence has a detrimental effect on the outcome of the result.

Has Tiote become a liability for Pardew?

NEWCASTLE manager Alan Pardew must be pulling his hair out.

Just what is he going to do with his Ivory Coast international Cheick Tiote?

The uncontrollable midfielder received his marching orders after an over the ball tackle on Sunderland's Steven Fletcher.

In what ended up being one of the most hotly contested derbies, Newcastle had secured a 1-0 lead and were cruising against a lethargic Sunderland.

This all changed when they were reduced to ten men.



SEEING RED: Cheick Tiote is sent off at Sunderland.

What Alan Pardew has to decide is whether Tiote has become a liability that cannot be trusted.

He has received four yellows and one red in just seven matches this season.

His total of 29 bookings in 39 games since joining Newcastle is deplorable.

Sadly, he can play. I like his tenacity and he is part of a very good Newcastle midfield.

We are told Pardew reminds him before each game of his responsibilities. He either doesn't listen or ignores it.

His record is I am sure noted by officials before each game, making it harder for him still when he goes out there.

He will miss the next three Premier League matches, but is free to play in the Europa League.

Premiership Spotlight

Ameobi itching to get the nod

Newcastle v West Brom (tomorrow, 3pm kick-off)

SHOLA Ameobi has warned Demba Ba and Papiss Cisse he will not be satisfied with playing a supporting role to their double act.

The 31-year-old got the nod alongside Ba for last Sunday's 1-1 derby draw at Sunderland, and although he was sacrificed before half-time following Cheick Tiote's sending-off, he has no intention of surrendering his place as West Brom head for St James' Park tomorrow.

The Senegal internationals played key roles in last season's superb surge up the Barclays Premier League table, Ba scoring 15 of his 16 goals during the first half of the season and Cisse contributing 13 following his arrival from Freiburg in January.

As a result, Ameobi, pictured below, found himself largely providing the back-up, but with manager Alan Pardew insisting there is nothing to choose between the trio, he is hoping for an extended run in the team.

He said: "I am a guy who feeds off the manager. If I know he's got confidence in me, that's when I produce my best game."

"It's important as a player that you know your manager has got faith in you, and even when I am not playing, he makes me feel a part of what he is doing here, and that's very important to me."

"It was a slow start at the start of the season, being injured, so I feel I am making up for lost time and raring to go."

"I feel very, very good, my game is there and I'm just itching to play more football, and if I get the nod, I have to show what I can do because we have got two other great strikers at this club who have kept me out of the team."

"I have to make sure if I get my chance, that I take it."

Ba has already scored six times this season with Cisse currently on two, although he might have added to his tally during Thursday night's 1-0 Europa League victory over Club Brugge in which he was twice denied by keeper Bojan Jorgacevic.

Ameobi has only one goal to his name so far, the opener in a 3-0 win against Bordeaux earlier this month, but is confident there are more to come.

He said: "Obviously last season, I didn't get too many, so it's something I am looking to rectify this season."

"As a striker, goals breed confidence and if I can get as many early on as I can, I know my confidence will grow and that can only help the team."

The Baggies will arrive on Tyneside hoping to repeat their 3-2 victory their last season, although they will do so to meet a side still to hit top form in the league and desperate to make up for a 3-0 home defeat by Manchester United.

Ameobi said: "They took points from us last season, so we are very aware of that. They have got some talented players and they have started off fantastically well this year, so it's a tough game for us."

"But we are at home and we know that this place has to be a fortress for us, has to be a place where we pick up points if we are going to do what we did last year."

ACID TEST FOR CHELSEA – DI MATTEO

ROBERTO Di Matteo has admitted it is crunch time for his new-look Chelsea side ahead of tomorrow's mouthwatering showdown with Manchester United.

The European champions have stormed to the top of the Barclays Premier League this season with a scintillating new brand of attacking football.

But they are not quite the finished article, a stark reminder of which came during what was their first major setback of the season in Tuesday night's Champions League defeat at Shakhtar Donetsk.

And, with John Terry and Frank Lampard both missing for tomorrow's clash at Stamford Bridge and the following two games through suspension and injury, the coming days will provide the biggest insight yet into how able Chelsea's new guard are to cope without two of their most talismanic figures.

"We've had a good start, but we need to show consistency over a long period of time," said Di Matteo, whose side are four points clear at the top of the table.

"We have a busy fixture list now coming up."

"So, it will be a test for us, a challenge for us, and it will also test the depth of our squad."

"The players that have come in have settled in quickly and that's been a big bonus for us, and I think thanks to the support as well from the club and from all the other team members that we already had here."

Di Matteo has so far succeeded where so many before him have

Chelsea v Man United (tomorrow, 4pm kick-off)

failed by managing a successful transition between the blueprint first established under Jose Mourinho to something more akin to the style favoured by Barcelona.

The Italian was coy about whether United would be facing the most attractive Chelsea side of the Roman Abramovich era tomorrow.

"I'll leave that up to you to decide whether it is or not," said the Italian, refusing to reveal whether his revolution was meeting with the approval of Abramovich, who has long demanded more flair in the team.

"Our belief is that, with the players that we have, it's our best chance to win games, playing like this."

Chelsea have tried many times to do so in the past, but without the kind of personnel required, something they have addressed in dramatic fashion by splashing out £130m on their front four.

Di Matteo said: "As a manager, you need to be able to adapt to the players that you have at your disposal."

"Because there's no point, in my opinion, playing something that your players aren't comfortable with or don't have the characteristics for it."

"Of course, we wanted to maybe change a little bit the way we played last season or over the years. Certainly, that was the idea."

"That's the club's idea here, everybody's idea here."

Di Matteo has repeatedly spoken



FRONTLINE FIREPOWER: Chelsea's Eden Hazard.

of the importance of finding the "balance" between attack and defence and acknowledged that was still a work in progress.

"As a team, we obviously still have to improve on that," he said.

"We need to work on our defensive responsibilities and discipline and balance."

"It's going to take time, for sure."

"And we have shown and proven that we can do it because, many

games, it's been done very well, and we'll continue to do so and work on it and improve."

That involves the likes of much-vaunted attacking trio Juan Mata, Eden Hazard and Oscar doing their share of the spade work.

"I think their willingness is very important to do it and they have it," Di Matteo said.

"So, I'm sure we'll come to that point."

We have to live up to favourites tag – Moyes

DAVID Moyes believes Everton deserve their billing as favourites for tomorrow's Merseyside derby and has challenged his side to live up to it.

The Toffees have made a much better start to the season than city rivals Liverpool and go into the match six points ahead and looking to preserve an unbeaten record at Goodison Park this term.

Everton's record in derbies in the decade since Moyes, pictured right, arrived at the club has been one of his biggest disappointments, with the Scot having won only four of 23 meetings.

Last season the Toffees finished ahead of Liverpool in the table but lost all three matches against the Reds, including painfully at Wembley in the semi-finals of the FA Cup.

Everton v Liverpool (tomorrow, 1.30pm kick-off)

Moyes said: "I think we're much closer. I thought we went into the FA Cup semi-final maybe slight favourites because of our form. It didn't work out that way but I think over my time here we've been playing catch-up, which is right, we have to say that honestly."

"I think we possibly go into this game slightly ahead of Liverpool, but we need to show it, we need to prove it. We didn't do it in the game at Wembley so we have to try to do it in this one."

As well as form, Everton can also point to other potential advantages.

Unlike Liverpool, who played in the Europa League on Thursday, they have had a whole week to prepare, while Reds boss Brendan Rodgers will be experiencing his first Merseyside derby, which Moyes admits can take some getting used to.

He said: "The way the Premier League is, the games are so intense, I do think if you can have a free week then it's better, but if you asked me would I like to be in Europe, I'd rather be playing in Europe and going into a derby than not."

Everton will be without suspended playmaker Steven Pienaar and injured midfielder Darron Gibson (thigh) but midfielder Marouane Fellaini (knee) and full-back Tony Hibbert (calf) could make welcome returns.



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Adam Rant

This week's big talking points
with **Adam Leitch**

Now it all makes sense ...

SAT watching the League Cup from the comfort of the lower divisions in recent seasons, it's often been something of a mystery as to why more top flight teams didn't seem to take it seriously.

It offers a route into Europe for teams that would normally never get there.

And, if the big sides are fielding young teams, then the favourites should be the Premier League teams that take it seriously.

However, now perhaps it's easier to understand.

Just about the last thing Saints need this week is a trip to Leeds United for a Capital One Cup tie.

Alright, they don't have a fixture next weekend due to TV scheduling, but even so just two days after playing Tottenham they will be up in the north for the trip.

The very fact it is little over 48 hours after the Spurs game means there is no real way you can expect

to take the first team.

Only a win against Spurs will considerably lift the pressure off of Nigel Adkins, and the last thing he will want either way is that tie at Elland Road.

Leeds will no doubt take it very seriously, and with their hostile atmosphere and under their manager Neil Warnock you know how tough it will be.

Saints will be going there possibly with their second string team.

Adkins will be desperate

not to have further pressure from a defeat in west Yorkshire.

It's strange how you can suddenly see, when you are in the Premier League, how it starts to feel the be all and end all.

And it's obvious why some managers don't seem at all upset over an early exit when they get the chance to 'blood the youngsters.'

Suddenly, it makes sense.



NEIL WARNOCK

Just be honest

IT'S really hard to find the words to express just how disappointing the Lance Armstrong scandal is.

Here is somebody who was an iconic, heroic figure, then you suddenly find out everything you knew about him was probably false.

The evidence against him, of incredible feats of doping to help his seven Tour de France title wins, is quite remarkable.

It seems too much to be wrong.

That he has given up fighting it is a suggestion of his guilt too.

Armstrong owes it to the world to be honest.

If it is all true, as seems most likely based on the weight of evidence, then he should hold his hands up.

If not, he should fight. There is nothing brave about doping, but there is about having the courage to admit it.

If he says nothing then the chance of even any possible redemption of a sliether of his reputation goes too.

Let's act - NOW

ALL the talk over whether some players were correct or not to refuse to wear the anti-racism Kick It Out t-shirts last weekend was exactly what those footballers were trying to achieve.

Their actions have dragged the subject back into the spotlight.

It is pretty much now centre stage.

As a publicity stunt, it worked a treat - people spent so long debating whether they should wear a t-shirt or not they didn't even seem to realise the debate they were actually being dragged into.

It's no good leaving it there, though.

They have the microphone, the attention.

Now is the time to do something meaningful with it, otherwise it will quickly dart elsewhere.

Why Adkins' time is not up just yet

SOMETIMES, in amongst football's frenzy, you need to take a step back to reflect.

There has been plenty of that amongst Saints fans towards the end of this last week.

Emotions were running pretty high after the 4-1 defeat at West Ham.

It was another defensive calamity, another defeat, and more than that it showed that Saints have slipped far behind the Hammers, a team they were better than last season.

You have to conclude that Saints are paying the price for their business over the summer more than anything else.

They spent plenty of cash but they were guilty of not prioritising correctly which positions to strengthen.

At least that's what the evidence of their signings suggests.

To be fair, there aren't many questioning the quality of their signings, just whether they signed players in the right positions.

After the West Ham game, Nigel Adkins was far from his usual self.

Normally so effusive, he was downbeat in a way you don't often see from him.

Yes, it is hard coming out to face the press after matches.

But it's part of a very well paid job and it's those answers that are ultimately beaming out to the fans through TV screens and newspapers.

His answers were very interesting.

He was strongly pushed on the tactics and formation of the team.

He has clearly tried the majority of defensive combinations available to him and it hasn't stopped the goals flowing in at the wrong end.

So how about a change of tactics?

To talk of the club vision raised the obvious questions of whose actual vision that is, and how flexible is it?

The spotlight was shone in that direction at the start of the week and it will be fascinating to see the teamsheet for the Tottenham game this weekend.

In a pre-season supplement, Adam Rant wrote a large piece on the possible change of formation for this upcoming campaign, saying how risky a strategy it was.

Ultimately, though, you always know that the game is won and lost by the players you put out there.

The formation can help or hinder them, of course, but as anybody who has ever played the game will know, matches are rarely won and lost on a tactics board.

That's why, through all this reflection, you end up back at the starting point of wondering just how Saints allowed themselves to go into such a massive season, taking such a huge step up, with so few defensive options.

Within that probably lies the answer to why things have not started as many would have wished.

And as for Adkins, well what can you say about a guy that has won back-to-back promotions to get Saints to the top flight again?

He obviously deserves his chance.

His chance to prove himself.

Until that time has passed, he still remains the right man for the job.



ADKINS



AERIAL CHALLENGE:
Jos Hooiveld and Andy Carroll last week

BOOK of the WEEK

The Dirtiest Race in History By Richard Moore

Sportsbookofthemoonth.com
price: £13.29, saving 30% on rrp

Is it true that you need only scratch the surface of most sports to reveal the noxious stench of cheating and corruption?

Most of us would like to think not, but one wonders whether professional cycling has, until very recently, remained the only sport tainted by alleged drug-infused shenanigans.

Does it occasionally suit sports governing bodies to keep any mention or suspicion of drug-taking quiet?

Are administrators simply more interested in protecting a sport's 'image' rather than publicly carpeting the cheats?

Discuss.

Which brings us to an extremely well-researched and wonderfully-written tale about the Olympic 100m final in Seoul in 1988, Richard Moore's outstanding book, *The Dirtiest Race in History*.

The race, writes Moore, "was magical, thrilling, the stunning denouement to one of sport's most compelling rivalries. A race that – we instinctively knew – would be remembered long after the rest of Seoul had faded in the memory."

As the runners took to their starting blocks, however, no one had any idea why the race would be remembered.

Canadian Ben Johnson beat American Carl Lewis in a world record time of 9.79 seconds, but even in the press conference afterwards there was scepticism amongst journalists regarding the *method* of Johnson's victory.

Three days later, journalistic suspicions were confirmed and Johnson was stripped of his gold after testing positive for taking stanozolol, his medal awarded to Lewis.

Yet Lewis too had tested positive for banned stimulants on the eve of the Olympics, but his case was dismissed by US authorities who accepted his excuse of "inadvertent use".

So should the gold have gone to third-placed Linford Christie?

Well, it transpires that he too tested positive (for pseudoephedrine) during the Games and was also cleared because of "inadvertent use".

Years later, Christie tested positive for taking the steroid nandrolone.

Three other runners in the 100m final – Dennis Mitchell, later banned for taking testosterone, Desai Williams, who admitted to taking anabolic steroids and Ray Stewart, later banned for life while working as a coach – were also tainted.

Only US runner Calvin Smith and Brazilian sprinter Robson da Silva enjoy unblemished reputations today.

The intensity and depth of Moore's research make this a fascinating read and prompts the reader to wonder whether the stench of cheating in other



Saints Spot

RINGING THE CHANGES:

Nigel Adkins has played three keepers in Saints' last five Premier League matches.

Keeping the back

FOR a former goalkeeper, Nigel Adkins has been acting a bit strange in recent weeks.

Given his professional past, he more than anyone should realise the end result of chopping and changing your man between the sticks.

First, Kelvin Davis is dropped – for the first time in many years – after the 6-1 caning at Arsenal.

Even though Davis had shipped 14 goals in his first four games, it was generally accepted that there was nothing much he could have done about most of them.

And, in fact, he also saved two penalties in that spell, so without him the record could have been even worse.

In his place came inexperienced Paolo Gazzaniga, with only a handful of games in League 2 at Gillingham to his name.

Never mind, Gazzaniga made a winning start as Saints beat Aston Villa 4-1.

That game was only a brief respite for Saints' defensive frailties, though, and the young Spaniard was beaten three times in the first half on his next outing at Everton.

He then conceded two more in the draw at home to Fulham, but it would be harsh in the extreme to blame him for either of the goals.

However, Adkins saw it somewhat different and from No 1 choice keeper Gazzaniga was relegated to No 3 at Upton Park last weekend.

The far more experienced Artur Boruc was handed his Saints debut, and duly suffered a baptism of fire.

So what does Adkins do now?

Drop Boruc after only one game?

Gazzaniga, after all, was left out after conceding half of what the Pole did at West Ham.

All this upheaval between the posts has had the unsurprising consequences of Saints' defensive record getting worse by the week.

The back four, already overworked as it is, have had to get used to three different keepers in recent weeks, all no doubt with their own habits, own preferences and own methods of communicating.

Adkins admittedly has not had too much luck in the full back roles this term, with Nathaniel Clyne, Frazer



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Richardson and Danny Butterfield all having been injured at some point.

Throw in the fact that Danny Fox has struggled on his return to the Premier League – the left back played for Burnley when they were relegated from the top flight in 2009/10 – and it is easy to sympathise with Adkins.

But Adam Lallana was right when he said after the Upton Park defeat 'you make your own luck in this league.'

With their deeply flawed summer transfer window policy, the club have been left too short of quality defensive options.

In came strikers Jay Rodriguez and Emmanuel Mayuka and attacking midfielder Gaston Ramirez, for a combined fee of around £23m.

Saints Spotlight



it unsteady at is a big problem

DEFENSIVE WOE: Saints concede during their defeat at West Ham last weekend.



After the closure of the window, there was then news that Saints are keen to sign Alesandro Del Piero.

Exactly what the squad didn't need, another attack-minded player. What on earth was going on?

Both Jose Fonte and Jos Hooiveld have been found wanting in central defence.

Maya Yoshida can also play in the centre, though he is still trying to come to terms with the Premier League quality and pace.

In recent games he has played at right back against Fulham and left back against West Ham, and didn't look happy in either role.

Fox, despite having played two World Cup qualifiers for Scotland during the international break, wasn't even in the matchday squad at Upton Park.

He might have been injured, but manager Nigel Adkins wasn't asked about the defender's absence so we don't know

If he wasn't injured and just not selected, it probably says a lot about the state of the Scottish game at the moment, as much as it does about Fox's performances for Saints this term.

Fox might well return against Tottenham this weekend – I repeat, Adkins hasn't got many options – but if he did it would present a new problem.

Playing for Scotland against Wales in Cardiff during the recent World Cup qualifier, Fox was given a torrid evening by ex-Saints starlet Gareth Bale.

Though he normally plays on the left flank for club and country, Bale was switched to the right wing against Scotland.

Whether that was a tactical move in order he could attack Fox, it is not known.

It certainly worked, as Bale had the better of Fox all evening, even before he scored two late goals to give Wales a dramatic victory.

The thought of Bale sprinting down the flanks at St Mary's this weekend, whipping in crosses or cutting in to have a shot at goal, would surely reduce most home fans to nail-biting wrecks given their club's defensive record so far.

Who else is there for Adkins to call on at centre half?

Dan Seaborne, the centre half who hasn't played a league game for over a year due to a serious head injury?

Seaborne can also play left back, and Adkins was toying with the idea of playing him there a few weeks ago until he picked up a training ground injury.

Then there is Jack Stephens, a teenager signed from Plymouth Argyle two years ago.

He can also play in central defence, but it would be sheer folly to throw him into the Premier League.

Ex-Eastleigh youngster Aaron Martin is currently on a season

long loan at Championship club Crystal Palace. Even if he was available, though, it would also be a gamble to chuck him in against some of the best strikers in world football.

As for the full-back positions, Ryan Dickson remains at St Mary's, but 'why?' is a good question to ask.

The former Brentford player didn't play a single game in the Championship last season, and is obviously surplus to requirements. Why he wasn't allowed to leave – permanently or on loan – in the summer remains a mystery.

Other mysteries abound, though, ones with more serious consequences.

Ones that concern the transfer window policy and the lack of serious defensive strengthening that went on, when it was common knowledge to most that it was a department which needed urgent attention.

It is all well and good for Nigel Adkins to talk about remaining true to the club's principles of playing football the right way.

Note the use of the words 'the club's principles', not necessarily his.

But this is the Premier League, and sometimes you cannot have things all your own way.

Adkins has to understand that it is possible to retain good habits – a passing game which is pleasing to the eye – while having a fairly tight defence.

Swansea managed it last season, after all.

There is nothing wrong with having an attack-minded team, but so long as it is built on relatively strong foundations.

Otherwise, there is no point having an attack-minded team, certainly not one that is conceding on average three goals a game like Saints have been doing.

It's no good attempting to play like Barcelona in your opponents' half, if you're defending recklessly in your own half.

Barca have some world class attackers, but also some world class defenders too.

So to sum up, the principles can remain the same, but the tactics have to be changed.

I wrote in these very pages last week that if Saints carry on being the 'great entertainers' of European football – with their games boasting the highest amount of goals – then they could well be relegated.

Nothing has changed since then.

In fact, I'm more certain of it now than I was a week ago.

Movember Goals Cup

GOALS Southampton will be hosting the only official 5-a-side Movember football tournament to help raise money and awareness for prostate and testicular cancer next month.

The Movember Cup takes place on November 18 at the Goals Soccer Centre on the Millbrook Point Road at 2pm.

Movember is responsible for thousands of 'Mos' appearing on men's faces in the UK and around the world every November.

The aim of the campaign is to raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and testicular cancer charities.

Last year Movember raised in excess of £79.3m.

You can enter your team in to the event by contacting Goals Southampton on 02380 510 666, or by visiting

www.goalsfootball.co.uk/movember

Entry fee is only £40, with all players also receiving a complimentary grooming kit from Gillette.

The winners of each of the 43 regional tournaments will be entered into a national prize draw to win an all-expenses paid trip to Copenhagen on Saturday, December 1, to play against a Danish 5-a-side team.

For more information visit www.goalsfootball.co.uk or www.movember.com

U11 event

SOUTHAMPTON & District Girls Football League are hosting an Under 11 Girls tournament on Sunday November 11 at Stoneham Lane.

All teams affiliated with Hampshire FA are eligible to enter. Tournament entry fee is £25 per team.

For further information, contact Martina Heath Martina.Heath@HampshireFA.com 01256 853015.

Launch

HAMPSHIRE FA and Active Nation are launching a new 7-a-side League at Southampton Sports Centre.

The League will be run on Sunday evenings with kick offs from 4pm.

Thanks to funding from the FA Small Sided Football Development Fund, Active Nation can offer teams a discounted rate of just £15 per team per game.

To enter a team, contact Sophie Davis at sophie.davis@hampshirefa.com or by calling 07983577646.

Half-term

HAMPSHIRE FA are launching their first half term holiday course.

The course will run at BTC Sports Ground, Stoneham Lane, Southampton, for three days.

The course will take place on Monday 29, Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 October 2012 from 10am-3pm each day. The cost is just £30 for all three days!

The course is available to all boys and girls aged between 5-14. Details from Michael.conway@hampshirefa.com

Saints Spotlight

Bridge is back in love again

EX-Saints star Wayne Bridge has fallen back in love with football at Brighton & Hove Albion.

The former England left-back has played every minute of the Seagulls' 11 Championship since signing on loan from Manchester City for the season.

Bridge, 32, only made 11 starts in the last two-and-a-half years with City.

He said: "It's a difficult time, especially when you are not training with the first team and you don't play week in, week out. "Not being part of the team you kind of lose a love for the game and going in every day."

"Now there has just been a big turnaround and I am enjoying every day."

"To know you are going to run out on the pitch on a Saturday is a big plus."

Southampton-born Bridge hails from Winchester - he was spotted by Micky Adams while playing Tyro League football for Olivers Battery - and went on to play 151 games for his hometown club from 1998-2003.

But he only made 87 appear-



ances in six years with Chelsea, where he moved for £7m - with fellow left-back Graeme Le Saux heading in the opposite direction - when Gordon Strachan was still in charge.

Bridge, above right, who won 36 England caps, is now more settled than he has been for many years.

He has reiterated a desire to stay with the Seagulls after ending a five-and-a-half-year goal drought with two in as many home games against Barnsley and Sheffield Wednesday.

"Coming here you want to make a good impression," said Bridge who has now scored as many goals for Brighton in 12 league starts as he did for Saints in 151 Premier League appearances.

"There was a lot of doubt about me and whether I still want to play."

"I just want to do well for Brighton and hopefully progress into the Premier League with them."

Before this season, Bridge's last competitive goal was for Chelsea in a League Cup tie against Wycombe in January 2007.

Amazingly, his last league goal had come in December 2003 - scoring for Chelsea in his first season with the Blues in a 3-0 home win against Pompey!

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NIGEL Adkins fielded his third goalkeeper in five Premier League games last weekend when handing Artur Boruc his debut at West Ham.

Kelvin Davis had started the season as the first choice keeper, but was made the scapegoat for the 6-1 humbling at Arsenal.

That mean Paolo Gazzaniga was handed his first appearance in the win against Aston Villa on September 22.

The Spaniard only managed two more appearances, though, before he was dropped from the matchday squad altogether for the trip to West Ham.

The last time a Saints manager made so many rapid changes in goal in league games was Lawrie McMenemy back in 1976/77.

McMenemy actually fielded three different keepers in three successive games in October of that season.

Coin Boulton played the last game of his loan spell from Derby in a 6-2 win at Wolves, with Steve Middleton replacing him for a 1-0 victory over Hereford.

McMenemy still wasn't satisfied, though, and brought in Sunderland's 1973 FA Cup winning hero Jim Montgomery on loan for the next game, a 4-1 success at Luton.

Remarkably, McMenemy was to field five different keepers in an 11-game league period.

Apart from the three mentioned, Ian Turner was recall after he had recovered from an injury before McMenemy bought Peter Wells from Nottingham Forest.



GAZZANIGA

Does Nigel know who is his first choice No 1?



GOAL: Modibo Maiga scores West Ham's fourth against Saints last weekend.

Wells made his debut in November and was an ever present thereafter to the end of the season.

That wasn't the first time Saints had fielded three different shot-stoppers in three successive post-war league games.

Back in 1950/51 Eddie Thomas, Len Stansbridge and Hugh Kelly were deployed in Division 2 matches.

A season later, Saints fielded three different keepers in four games - Thomas, Stansbridge and Fred Kiernan

Saints did field four different shot-

stoppers in six First Division games in the 1986/87 season - though only three were 'proper' keepers.

Tim Flowers was brought in due to an injury to Peter Shilton, but fractured his cheekbone against Arsenal and was taken off, to be replaced by striker Colin Clarke. These were the days before goalkeepers were regularly on the subs bench.

Loanee Eric Nixon was brought in for the next game, with Shilton returning to action a few weeks later. The club fielded three different keepers in six leagues games in

1993/94 - Tim Flowers appearing in his last game before leaving, followed by Ian Andrews and Dave Beasant.

In 1996/97 Chris Woods, Beasant and Mail Taylor played in the space of six Premier League games.

Thirty years earlier, in Saints' debut top flight campaign of 1966/67, Ted Bates at one stage fielded three different keepers in seven games.

Gerry Gurr, handed his debut at Chelsea, shipped four in a 4-4 draw with regular Dave MacLaren recalled the next game.

But a few weeks later Eric Martin

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Saints Spotlight



BAPTISM OF FIRE: Artur Boruc screams in frustration as Saints concede again at Upton Park.

was brought in, playing the final 11 games of the First Division season.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at how many different keepers Saints have fielded in league games in recent seasons.

Certainly this season is different compared to the four seasons starting in 2008/09, where Saints only fielded two different shot-stoppers in 184 league games – Kelvin Davis and Bartosz Bialkowski!

2011/12

Kelvin Davis played in 45 of Saints'

46 Championship fixtures.

Only once, at home to Blackpool, did Bartosz Bialkowski get a chance to impress.

He failed to take it, letting a soft shot from Callum McManam through his hands to help the visitors claim a 2-2 draw at St Mary's.

Davis was back in goal the next game and Bialkowski never played a league game for the club again.

2010/11

Kelvin Davis completed his second ever present campaign in three

league seasons, playing all 46 League 1 games.

2009/10

Kelvin Davis played 40 of Saints' 46 League 1 games, Bartosz Bialkowski playing the other six when Davis was out injured.

2008/09
Davis was an ever present as Saints were relegated from the Championship.

2007/08

The last season where Saints played four different keepers in league games. Kelvin Davis appeared in the vast majority, 35.

Loanee Richard Wright appeared in the last seven, after Michael Poke had managed three matches under Nigel Pearson.

Bartosz Bialkowski appeared in the first game of 2007/08 due to Davis' injury, a 4-1 home defeat against Crystal Palace.

Saints ended the season with the second worst defensive record in the Championship, shipping 72 goals – three more than they conceded when they went down 12 months later.

Only relegated Colchester, with 86 goals conceded, had a worse record.

2006/07

Kelvin Davis' first season at St Mary's saw him play in 38 Championship games.

Due to Davis' injury, Bartosz Bialkowski appeared in the other eight games – plus Saints' two play-off semi-finals against Derby.

2005/06

Saints fielded four different keepers in the first Championship season after relegation.

Antti Niemi was unsurprisingly the No 1 prior to his departure in the January transfer window.

That gave Paul Smith a chance, but George Burley quickly gave transfer window arrival Bartosz Bialkowski, then 18, his debut.

Due to Bialkowski's injury in an FA Cup tie at Newcastle, Smith was back in goal.

But Burley clearly didn't fancy the former Brentford shot-stopper, and brought in veteran Kevin Miller for the final seven games of the season.



KELVIN DAVIS

Hooiveld is NOT to blame ...

EIGHT games into the season and Saints have conceded a ridiculous 24 Premier League goals, writes **LUKE TAYLOR**.

In the summer, fans knew that the club needed to invest in some quality defenders to then strengthen their back four despite their team being defensively solid in the Championship.

Moving into the Premier League season and Saints have proved they are woeful at the back.

It's quite clear that Danny Seaborne is nowhere near good enough to handle Premier League opposition whilst Maya Yoshida is a fish out of water.

Saying he is not good enough is an understatement.

Then there is Jos Hooiveld, a player that contributed massively to Saints gaining promotion last season.

Despite his initial success at Saints, Hooiveld hasn't had the best of starts this campaign with the Dutchman having already scored two own goals.

However, I find it hard to understand why numerous Saints fans are criticising him and pushing the majority of the blame his way. I would push it towards his partner, Jose Fonte.

The Portuguese defender has not only been poor this season but towards the end of last term he was starting to lose his consistency.

Looking back at last season, if it wasn't for the fact that Saints were winning regularly I think Fonte would have been found out.

Looking into the current campaign, people have forgotten how Fonte has been very poor too.

Partly the reason they have forgotten is because he emerged the hero when scoring twice against Fulham.

Away from Fonte, playing the likes of Yoshida out of position make Saints' job of defending increasingly harder, with the Japan international not even looking comfortable in his regular centre half position.

Returning to Hooiveld, I feel he will succeed in the Premier League.

If Saints can bring in another solid defender then Hooiveld could develop a strong pairing with them.

It could be a return to the days of Claus Lundekvam and Michael Svensson.

Those two were a solid defensive force.

However, I feel if Adkins is to drop one of the two regular centre backs then it will be Hooiveld.

It seems Fonte is a player who, despite his poor performances, won't be sacrificed.



HOOIVELD

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SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2012/13



AUGUST

Sun 19 Man CityA
 Sat 25 WiganH
 Tues 28 Stevenage (COC 1)A

SEPTEMBER

Sun 2 Man UnitedH
 Sat 15 ArsenalA
 Sat 22 Aston VillaH
 Tues 25 Sheff Wed (COC 2)H
 Sat 29 EvertonA

OCTOBER

Sun 7 FulhamH
 Sat 20 West HamA
 Sun 28 TottenhamH

NOVEMBER

Mon 5 West BromA
 Sat 10 SwanseaH
 Sat 17 QPRA
 Sun 25 NewcastleH
 Weds 28 NorwichH

DECEMBER

Sat 1 LiverpoolA
 Sat 8 ReadingH
 Sat 22 SunderlandH
 Weds 26 FulhamA
 Sat 29 StokeA

JANUARY

Tues 1 ArsenalH
 Sat 12 Aston VillaA
 Sat 19 EvertonH
 Weds 30 Man UnitedA

FEBRUARY

Sat 2 WiganA
 Sat 9 Man CityH
 Sat 23 NewcastleA

MARCH

Sat 2 QPRH
 Sat 9 NorwichA
 Sat 16 LiverpoolH
 Sat 20 ChelseaH

APRIL

Sat 6 ReadingA
 Sat 13 West HamH
 Sat 20 SwanseaA
 Sat 27 West BromH

MAY

Sat 4 TottenhamA
 Sun 12 SunderlandA
 Sun 19 StokeH

L 2-3	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	Ward-Prowse**	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon***	Do Prado	Rodriguez*	Lambert* 1	S Davis** 1	Sharp***
L 0-2	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	S Davis*	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Do Prado	Rodriguez**	Lambert	W-Prowse*	Sharp**	Hoskins***
W 4-1	Gazzaniga	Butterfield	Richardson	Seaborne	Shaw	Chaplow*	W-Prowse	Hammond**	Puncheon 1	Lee 1	Sharp*** 1	Reeves* 1	Chambers**	Hoskins***
L 2-3	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin 1	S Davis	Puncheon*	Lallana***	Lambert** 1	Mayuka*	Do Prado**	Rodriguez***
L 1-6	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld*	Fox 1	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Puncheon	Lallana	Lambert***	Yoshida*	Ramirez**	Rodriguez***
W 4-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne 1	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox*	S Davis***	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon** 1	Ramirez	Lambert 2	Richardson*	Mayuka**	W-Prowse***
W 2-0	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Hooiveld	Yoshida	Seaborne	W-Prowse	Cork**	Chaplow	De Ridder	Do Prado*	Rodriguez*** 2	Reeves*	Robinson**	Hoskins***
L 1-3	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Fonte	Yoshida	Clyne**	W-Prowse	S Davis	Lallana***	Rodriguez*	Ramirez 1	Lambert	Mayuka*	Reeves**	Chaplow***
D 2-2	Gazzaniga	Richardson*	Fonte 2	Yoshida	Fox	S Davis	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon**	Rodriguez	Lambert***	Hooiveld*	Chaplow**	Do Prado***
L 1-4	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Yoshida	S Davis***	Schneiderlin	Lallana 1	Puncheon**	Do Prado	Rodriguez*	Lambert*	Mayuka**	W-Prowse***

Let's try something more comfortable ...

FASHION. It's not really my thing. Jeans, t-shirt and perhaps a suit for work, is the limit of my couture ambitions.

If it fits, feels right and I don't feel like an ejjit, then I'm fairly happy, writes **DAN KERINS**.

You can swagger along in your skinny jeans and tell me I'm out of date, but I'm really not that bothered.

Which is why I look on with despair about some of the comments I've read over the last week or so about Saints.

"Who plays 4-4-2 these days? It's all about 4-3-3," was one that caught my eye, mainly as I didn't realise formations were dependent on the latest styles.

I was under the impression that were more like screwdrivers than dresses – if they work, use them, rather than worry about looking out of date.

As we all know, Saints have ditched 4-4-2 after what I consider to be two successful years of using it.

I'm not overly attached to it, but it worked and everyone seemed to know what they were doing. Happy days.

Now, the first team has changed over to 4-3-3. In itself, not a bad thing – plenty of sides use it.

The fact that the senior side had to change to bring it into line with the youth teams seemed odd, but then I'm not a coach. I would have thought the whole point of the youth structure

would be to provide new talent for the first XI and, as such, should be tailored to suit the first team's needs over the long term.

What does bother me, is that it doesn't seem to be working.

The defence is looking too exposed without adequate cover in front of it.

The formation is only part of the system, but the system now seems set in stone and as a result is too inflexible to change – although no one really seems to know why other than pure bloody mindedness.

Now, an interview with Les Reed on the website *2nd Yellow* from September seems to have given a bit more of a clue into how this works.

Limited

In it, Reed, says the manager is only directly responsible for three first team coaches, suggesting that the influence he has is limited.

It also goes on to say that as a consequence any managerial change would have little impact, as everything else in terms of strategy and culture would stay the same.

Now, exactly what that means is open to interpretation, so I'll let you come to your own conclusions.

What I will say, is that if everything at the club will remain the same, what benefit can there be from changing the manager?

Some things Adkins has done this

season have baffled me – mainly how Rickie Lambert is being used and the use of substitutes.

Also, why spend £7m striker and play him mainly out on the left wing?

It's almost as if he's trying to make square pegs fit into round holes.

More than anything, I fail to understand why we have ditched a formula that was working for something else which clearly isn't. Moreover, there's a refusal to try anything else.

The adage goes, that to expect different results by doing the same thing is a symptom of insanity.

Someone is being stubborn and refusing to admit a mistake.

I don't care if it works for Barcelona – I only want what's best for Saints.

Be it, 4-4-2 or 8-1-1, tikka-taka or hoof ball, I don't care.

What I do care about is that the team is able to settle on something that works for them.

Enough of the skinny jeans, let's try something a bit more comfortable.

LES REED

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
KELVIN DAVIS	4	0	0	0	277	0
PAULO GAZZANIGA	3	0	2	0	5	0
ARTUR BORUC	1	0	0	0	1	0
NATHANIEL CLYNE	7	1	0	0	7	1
DANNY BUTTERFIELD	0	0	1	0	49(4)	0
FRAZER RICHARDSON	2(1)	0	2	0	57(9)	0
DANNY FOX	6	1	0	0	45(4)	1
LUKE SHAW	0	0	1	0	1(1)	0
RYAN DICKSON	0	0	0	0	9	0
JOSE FONTE	8	2	0	0	123(1)	12
JOS HOOIVELD	5(1)	0	1	0	47(1)	8
MAYA YOSHIDA	4(1)	0	1	0	5(1)	0

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
JACK STEPHENS	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0
DAN SEABORNE	0	0	2	0	37(15)	0
STEVE DE RIDDER	0	0	1	0	11(27)	4
RICHARD CHAPLOW	0(1)	0	2	0	49(12)	5
DEAN HAMMOND	0	0	1	0	130(15)	11
JACK CORK	0	0	1	0	67(8)	0
MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	7	1	0	0	137(28)	4
ADAM LALLANA	8	1	0	0	182(19)	48
STEVE DAVIS	7(1)	1	0	0	7(1)	0
JAMES WARD-PROWSE	4(3)	0	2	0	8(3)	1
JASON PUNCHEON	6	1	1	1	50(4)	5
GULY DO PRADO	3(2)	0	1	0	70(21)	22

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
RICKIE LAMBERT	6(2)	4	0	0	157(9)	92
JAY RODRIGUEZ	5(2)	0	1	2	6(2)	2
EMMANUEL MAYUKA	0(4)	0	0	0	0(4)	0
GASTON RAMIREZ	2(1)	1	0	0	2(1)	1
BILLY SHARP	0(2)	0	1	1	12(6)	10
TADANARI LEE	0	0	1	1	6(4)	2
SAM HOSKINS	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0
CALUM CHAMBERS	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
BEN REEVES	0(1)	0	0(2)	1	3(7)	1
ANDY ROBINSON	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.

Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

PUGH DOUBLE MAINTAINS CHERRIES RESURGENCE



MARC Pugh netted twice as Cherries continued their remarkable revival under Eddie Howe by dishing out a 4-2 hammering to Carlisle this afternoon.

In another goal-laden thriller, Cherries made it four matches unbeaten since Howe's return with a clinical attacking display at Brunton Park, **writes IAN WADLEY.**

They led 2-1 at the interval after goals from talented winger Pugh arrived either side of Liam Noble's 18th-minute equaliser.

And Cherries ensured the points in a dominant start to the second half which saw Lewis Grabban and Lee Barnard extend the advantage within 15 minutes of the restart.

Substitute David Symington's fierce drive gave the hosts hope of staging an unlikely comeback but there was no way back as Cherries' formidable form continued.

Boss Howe two changes to the team which drew 3-3 at Notts County on Tuesday. Charlie Daniels returned from suspension to fill his usual left-back berth, with fit-again Grabban partnering Barnard in attack. Both Steve Cook and Donal McDermott dropped to the bench.

And having avoided the arduous coach journey by jetting to the north on Friday, Cherries enjoyed a flying start under bright blue skies in Cumbria.

The opening goal, which came on eight minutes, owed much to the composure of Pugh and a defensive slip from Frank Simek. After Harry Arter had hit an accurate long ball following a quick free-kick, Simek failed to deal with the danger, allowing Pugh to advance, draw keeper Mark Gillespie and then coolly fire into an unguarded net.

The hosts responded quickly and David James saved well from Paul Thirlwell before, at the other end, Shaun MacDonald's acrobatic vol-

ley flew over from distance.

Carlisle were looking threatening, particularly down the left, and when they equalised it came following good work on that productive flank. With Cherries down to 10 men as Tommy Elphick received treatment for a nose injury, Carlisle profited by winning a free-kick. Cherries failed to clear James Berrett's inswinging delivery and Noble made no mistake with the loose ball from 12 yards.

Barnard and Arter both missed with chances following a trademark Cherries corner routine.

But Howe's men did regain the lead on 31 minutes after Pugh had again given Simek a torrid time. The skilful winger turned the right-back inside out before hammering home from the narrowest of angles, his low drive proving too hot to handle for keeper Gillespie.

James got off his line quickly to block Joe Garner's shot as Greg Abbott's team carved out a clear-cut opportunity.

Under pressure in the closing stages of the half, Cherries managed to retain their advantage going into the break.

And the men from Dorset came out firing after the interval to seal victory. After good work from Barnard, Grabban kept his composure to slot home. Barnard then went from provider to finisher as his heavily-deflected 20-yard dive left Gillespie firmly rooted to the spot.

Substitute Symington left James with no chance as he lashed home a fierce effort with 14 minutes remaining, but fast-improving Cherries were not to be denied.

Carlisle: (4-3-3) Gillespie; Simek, Murphy, Edwards (Livesey, 54), Chantler; Noble, Thirlwell (Symington, h-t), Berrett; Cadamarteri (Beck, 71), Garner, Robson. Unused subs: Welsh, Potts, Higginbotham, Collin (g/k).

Booked: Berrett
Cherries: (4-4-2) James; Francis, Addison, Elphick, Daniels; McQuoid (Tubbs, 83), MacDonald, Arter, Pugh; Grabban (Fletcher, 90), Barnard (O'Kane, 77). Unused subs: Cook, Partington, McDermott, Jalaal (g/k).

Booked: Addison, Francis, Pugh

Referee: David Coote (Nottinghamshire)

Attendance: 4,050 (including 156 away fans)

CHERRIES FIXTURES 2012/13

AUGUST

14 Oxford U, A (CC)	D 0-0
Lost on penalties	
18 Portsmouth, A	D 1-1
Barnard	
21 MK Dons, H	D 1-1
Grabban	
25 Preston, H	D 1-1
Elphick	

SEPTEMBER

1 Sheff Utd, A	L 3-5
Barnard, Elphick, Pugh	
4 Pompey, A (JPT)	D 2-2
Lost 4-3 on pens	
MacDonald 2	
8 Yeovil, A	W 1-0
Hughes	
15 Hartlepool H	D 1-1
Tubbs	
18 Brentford H	D 2-2
Tubbs, Daniels	
22 Swindon	L 0-4
29 Walsall H	L 1-2
Daniels	

OCTOBER

2 Crawley Town (A)	L 3-1
Barnard	
6 Coventry	L 0-1
13 Leyton Orient	W 2-0
Grabban, Pugh	
20 Tranmere (H)	W 3-1
Pugh, Arter, Francis	
23 Notts County (A)	D 3-3
McQuoid, Arter 60, Tubbs	
27 Carlisle	(A)

NOVEMBER

6 Shrewsbury	(H)
10 Doncaster	(A)
17 Oldham	(H)
20 Stevenage	(H)
24 Bury	(A)

DECEMBER

8 Scunthorpe	(A)
15 Colchester	(H)
22 Crewe	(A)
26 Yeovil	(H)
29 Crawley Tn	(H)

JANUARY

1 Brentford	(A)
5 Hartlepool	(A)
12 Swindon	(H)
19 Walsall	(A)
26 Crewe	(H)

FEBRUARY

2 MK Dons	(A)
9 Portsmouth	(H)
16 Preston	(A)
23 Sheff Utd	(H)
26 Coventry	(H)

MARCH

2 Leyton Orient	(A)
9 Doncaster	(H)
12 Stevenage	(A)
16 Oldham	(A)
23 Bury	(H)
30 Colchester	(A)

APRIL

1 Scunthorpe	(H)
6 Notts County	(H)
13 Shrewsbury	(A)
20 Carlisle	(H)
27 Tranmere	(A)

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PORTSMOUTH FIXTURES 2012/13

AUGUST

14 Plymouth, A (CC)	L 0-3
18 Bournemouth, H	D 1-1
McLeod	
21 Colchester, A	D 2-2
Rodgers, Obita	
25 Carlisle, A	L 2-4
Harris, Clifford	

SEPTEMBER

1 Oldham, H	L 0-1
4 Bournemouth, H (JPT)	D 2-2
Won 4-3 on pens	
Rodgers, Howard	
8 Crawley Town, A	W 3-0
Harris, Rodgers, McLeod	

OCTOBER

2 Yeovil (A)	W 2-1
McLeod, Gyepes	
6 MK Dons	D 2-2
McLeod, Gyepes	
13 Crewe	W 2-0
Thomas, McLeod	

NOVEMBER

6 Brentford	(H)
10 Bury	(A)
17 Doncaster	(H)
20 Leyton Orient	(H)
24 Coventry	(A)

DECEMBER

8 Tranmere	(A)
15 Preston	(H)

15 Walsall, H	L 1-2
McLeod	
18 Swindon H	L 1-2
Michalik	
22 Notts County	L 0-3
29 Scunthorpe	W 2-1
Gyepes, Thomas	

20 Shrewsbury (H)	W 3-1
McLeod (2), Thomas	
23 Stevenage (A)	L 2-1
Harley	
27 Sheff Utd	(A)

22 Hartlepool	(A)
26 Crawley Tn	(H)
29 Yeovil	(H)

JANUARY

1 Swindon	(A)
5 Walsall	(A)
12 Notts County	(H)
19 Scunthorpe	(A)
26 Hartlepool	(H)

FEBRUARY

2 Colchester	(H)
9 Bournemouth	(A)
16 Carlisle	(H)
23 Oldham	(A)
26 MK Dons	(H)

MARCH

2 Crewe	(A)
9 Bury	(H)
12 Leyton Orient	(A)
16 Doncaster	(A)
23 Coventry	(H)
30 Preston	(A)

APRIL

1 Tranmere	(H)
6 Stevenage	(H)
13 Brentford	(A)
20 Sheff Utd	(H)
27 Shrewsbury	(A)

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Sports Quiz

- 1 From which club did Manchester City sign Edin Dzeko?
- 2 In gridiron, how many points is a safety worth?
- 3 Justin Verlander is a pitcher for which Major League Baseball team?
- 4 In which year did Ian Poulter finish runner-up in the Open Championship?
- 5 Morgan Parra plays for which French rugby union club?
- 6 In which year did Ken Doherty win his only World Snooker Championship title?
- 7 Which city will host this season's Europa League final?
- 8 Who will captain Middlesex in the County Championship next year?
- 9 Who lifted the men's singles trophy at Wimbledon in 1996?
- 10 Craig Kopczak represents which country at rugby league?
- 11 Tottenham signed Jan Vertonghen from which Dutch club?
- 12 Cyclist Mark Cavendish will race for which team next season?
- 13 Which Leeds Rhinos player was making his England rugby league debut in the opening Four Nations fixture this weekend?



MARK CAVENDISH

- 14 Who won the PGA Grand Slam of Golf event this week?
- 15 Who is currently ranked as the number one female tennis player in the world?
- 16 Who is captain of the England Twenty20 team?
- 17 Who is head coach of the Wales rugby league national side?
- 18 Which two teams were contesting this weekend's NFL fixture at Wembley?
- 19 Who was Everton manager before David Moyes?
- 20 How many goals has James Milner scored for the England senior team?
- 21 Striker Javier Hernandez joined Manchester United from which Mexican club?
- 22 How many Indian Premier League sides reached the semi-finals of cricket's Champions League Twenty20?
- 23 Which football club won the League Cup in 1979/80?
- 24 In which year did golfer Padraig Harrington last win a major championship?
- 25 Which two teams will contest baseball's World Series, which started this week.

ANSWERS

1 Wolfburg; 2 Two; 3 Detroit Tigers; 4 Francisco Giants; 5 The Detroit Tigers and the San Daredavils; 6 23 Wolves; 7 24 2008; 25 One; 26 Chivas; 27 One (Delhi England Patriots; 19 Walter Smith; 20 Harris; 18 St Louis Rams and New Azarenka; 16 Stuart Broad; 17 Iestyn Phama; Quick Step; 13 Zak Hardaker; 14 Padraig Harrington; 15 Victoria Kraljick; 10 Wales; 11 Ajax; 12 Omega Turn; 8 Chris Rogers; 9 Richard 2008; 5 Clermont Auvergne; 6 1997; 7

Saints Spotlight

Lee: I'm happy to stay at Cherries

LOAN star Lee Barnard backed Cherries' promotion credentials before revealing he would be happy to extend his stay at Goldsands Stadium.

The Saints frontman has scored three League One goals in 10 starts since making the move to Dorset on a temporary basis until January.

He has been Cherries' first choice striker under previous boss Paul Groves and successor Eddie Howe.

The 28-year-old's loan expires in

the new year but Barnard says he is open to the prospect of remaining with Cherries if given the chance.

He said: "That is out of my hands and I haven't really spoken to the gaffer or anyone at the moment."

"But I like it here, I am playing football, I am enjoying it and the club is going places, so I would be more than happy. If the chance was there, I would stay."

Asked whether that could be on a permanent transfer or loan deal,

Barnard replied: "Who knows? That is not for me to decide."

Expectations have been raised by Cherries' form since Howe's return - with seven points coming from three unbeaten matches.

Barnard, who helped Saints earn promotion from League One, believes Cherries have the credentials to push for Championship football.

He added: "I love it here and it is going well. It was a bit of a slow

start but we are going on a good run now."

"I feel like the club is going in the right direction and are ambitious to get out of the league."

"The start wasn't what we wanted but we have responded well lately."

"There is definitely enough quality in the squad that can get us out of this league. There are still a lot of games and, especially in this league, everyone takes points from every-one."



LEE BARNARD

I don't know why my pal is on the bench!

RICKIE Lambert's best pal knows what it is like for the Premier League dream to become a nightmare.

Danny Coid was Lambert's strike partner in their school team and they were youth teammates at Blackpool, writes **SIMON WALTER**.

Lambert was thrown on the football scrapheap by former Blackpool boss Steve McMahon, but Coid went on to make 317 appearances as the club's right-back - only to be loaned to Rotherham when they reached the Premier League two years ago.

Similarly, what should be the most enjoyable season of Lambert's career, one he has worked towards for several years, is becoming the opposite.

"When Southampton's season started it was like it was at Blackpool a couple of years," says Coid.

"To start with it was a great achievement just to be there."

"Although I didn't play in the Premier League, just to be in the tunnel wishing the lads all the best was an experience."

"You can be a bit star-struck playing the likes of Man United and Man City early on but you



FLASHBACK: Rickie Lambert, right, and Danny Coid as youngsters.

can't afford to be like that in the Premier League."

"That's now sunk in for Southampton, it's hitting home that they need to start picking up points."

Lambert had scored four goals in six Premier League starts before the bizarre decision to drop him to the bench at West Ham last week.

"Southampton have to justify why they've brought the new players in but that's not a reason to put your top scorer on the bench," says Coid, who went to school with Lambert in Liverpool and still lives in the city.

"He's earned the right to be playing and I'm not saying that because I'm his best mate."

"A lot of people would agree."

"He didn't get Southampton in the Premier League on his own but his contribution was massive and he shouldn't be pushed aside."

"He makes goals as well as scores them and should be used regularly down the middle where he's at his best."

"Some strange decisions have been made and why he isn't playing is a big question up here."

"Everyone's puzzled, but you can't put all the blame on Nigel Adkins."

"I don't know what's going on but he should be given more of a chance."

Coid, meanwhile, is experiencing life at the other end of the football spectrum after being released by League Two Accrington Stanley in the summer.

"I got a bad injury last year and it looks like I'm going down the road to retirement from football," says the 31-year-old.

"I'm looking for work, which is a bit of a reality check."

"But I'll be at Anfield on December 1 to hopefully see Rickie playing for Southampton!"

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GOAL MACHINE:

Charlie Austin salutes the fans after scoring one of his 18 goals this season.

Austin powers way into the record books

FORMER Wessex League hot-shot Charlie Austin equalled a Burnley club record after netting in his eighth consecutive appearance this week.

The Clarets star took his 2012/13 tally to a sensational 18 in just 15 league and cup starts with two goals in a 4-3 victory at Bristol City on Tuesday.

Austin has now equalled Ray Pointer's feat achieved during the 1958-59 season.

"I knew about the record," Austin said after the win at Ashton Gate.

"Everyone was going on about it but I was confident.

"Every time I go forward, I look like I'm going to score and I did.

"Most importantly, it was massive for us to get the three points."

Austin, 23, has only failed to score in two of his 15 appearances this term.

He has already scored more goals this term than he managed in the whole of 2011/12.

Austin, who netted 46 goals for Poole Town when they won the Wessex League title in 2008/09, scored 17 times last season – four fewer than

Jay Rodriguez, who won a £7m move to St Mary's last summer.

Austin made his move into the pro ranks with Swindon in September 2009.

He scored 32 goals in 52 Football League starts for Swindon, plus five sub appearances.

He has an equally impressive scoring record in the Championship for Burnley, hitting 31 league goals in 43 starts plus 13 off the bench.

Rodriguez also scored 31 Championship goals for the Clarets during his own Turf Moor career – but they came from 91 starts plus 38 off the bench.

Charlie Austin 2012/13

Championship

	Gls
Burnley 2 Bolton 0	(2)
Middlesbrough 3 Burnley 2	(1)
Huddersfield 2 Burnley 0	(0)
Burnley 1 Brighton 3	(0)
Burnley 5 Peterborough 2	(2)
Leicester 2 Burnley 1	(1)
Derby 1 Burnley 2	(2)
Burnley 2 Millwall 2	(1)
Burnley 3 Sheffield Wed 3	(3)
Crystal Palace 4 Burnley 3	(1)
Burnley 1 Blackpool 0	(1)
Bristol City 3 Burnley 4	(2)

Capital One Cup

Port Vale Burnley 3	(1)
Burnley 1 Plymouth 1	(1)
Swindon 3 Burnley 1	(1)

Total: 18 goals in 15 appearances

Down Memory Lane

October 27, 1979

Saints 1 Leeds 2

Goalkeeper Terry Gennoe makes his last appearance for Saints, Phil Boyer replying in a Dell defeat in front of a crowd of 23,259.

October 27 1982

Saints draw 3-3 at Luton with goals from Keith Cassells, David Armstrong and Danny Wallace. Saints led 2-0 and 3-2 before the Hatters levelled three minutes from time.

October 28th, 1995

Wimbledon 1 Saints 2

Neil Shipperley scored both goals for Saints, opening the scoring on eight minutes and grabbing a 74th minute decider. In between, Jason Euell – later to sign for Saints – equalised.

October 29, 1966

Leeds United 0 Saints 1

Ron Davies headed a 75th minute winner from a corner at Elland Road in Saints' debut top flight campaign.

October 30, 1965

Saints 1 Leyton Orient 0

George O'Brien headed the only goal in the 54th minute from a John Sydenham free kick as Saints moved another two points towards promotion.



October 31, 1970

Chelsea 2 Saints 2

Mick Channon, pictured above, scores both goals for Saints in front of a bumper attendance of 42,325 at Stamford Bridge.

October 31, 1975

Charlton 4 Saints 1

Peter Osgood replies for Saints who suffer a Halloween horror result at The Valley.

October 31, 1987

Saints are back at Charlton, but only 5,158 turn up at Selhurst Park to watch a 1-1 draw in the old First Division, Danny Wallace scoring for the visitors.

October 31 1992

Saints 1 Oldham 0

Richard Hall headed the only goal from a Matt Le Tissier cross in front of only 10,827 at The Dell.

November 2, 1963

Swindon, 1 Saints 2

Saints netted twice in the final 15 minutes to win the Division 2 encounter in Wiltshire. Terry Paine levelled in the 75th minute and Martin Chivers grabbed the winner two minutes later.

November 2, 1985

Saints 1 Tottenham 0

A 67th minute header from Dave Puckett gave Chris Nicholl's men victory at The Dell.

November 2, 1997

Everton 0, Saints 2

Matt Le Tissier and Kevin Davies were the goal scorers for Saints when they lost won at Goodison Park.

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Non-league Action

FA Trophy: AFC Totton 3 Gosport Borough 2

STAGS LAND A DERBY WINNER

AFC TOTTON equalled their best ever FA Trophy run by seeing off local rivals Gosport Borough 3-2 in an action-packed second qualifying round derby at the Testwood Stadium this afternoon.

The Stags brought Chris Mason into midfield in place of the unavailable Carl Pettefer who was replaced as skipper by Jamie Whisken, writes **WENDY GEE**.

Totton forced the first corner on five minutes after Richard Gillespie had been played in down the left by Dave Allen and Gosport mustered the first shot but Jamie Brown's long range effort flew well over.

But after an otherwise uneventful start, Gosport's afternoon took two dramatic turns for the worse, starting with an opening goal for Totton in the ninth minute.

In a repeat of Borough's mid-week FA Cup defeat by Slough, centre-back Lee Molyneux failed to deal with a ball through the middle allowing GILLESPIE to hustle him off the ball and beat Nathan Ashmore from close range.

Gosport's afternoon went further downhill when Luke King caught his stubs in the ground during an innocuous tackle and was stretched off five minutes later with suspected ankle ligament damage and was replaced by Dean Stow.

Stow's presence seemed to knock the visitors' confidence and their goal lived a charmed life over the next few minutes with Gillespie almost lobbing Ashmore at his near post and then having a shot deflected into the side netting off Borough skipper Aaron Cook.

In between, Ryan Hill had sent a free kick from wide left narrowly past the far post and it was from the same source that Totton doubled their lead in the 22nd minute.

Cook was penalised for kicking James Coutts and HILL, this time closer to goal, unleashed a belting free kick which bounced down off the underside of the bar and was



ALL SMILES: Totton celebrate the winning goal.

deemed to have crossed the line by the officials.

With Gillespie full of running the Stags looked threatening every time they attacked.

The former Bashley and Eastleigh marksman was put through again on 24 minutes, this time by Mike Gosney, but he couldn't squeeze his shot past the imposing figure of Ashmore as he scampered in from the left.

Apart from Stow's half volley which went wide, Borough posed little threat until the 32nd minute when Justin Bennett crossed for Brown who headed wide.

Totton responded when Coutts' mis-hit pass rather fortuitously found Gosney who rifled a fierce, angled shot just over.

Three minutes into stoppage time Gosport were almost undone by another long ball through the middle but with Ashmore having raced out of his goal, the ball bounced wide off Gillespie.

Half time: AFC Totton 2 Gosport Borough 0

Home keeper Gareth Barfoot made his first save of note in the opening seconds of the second half, getting solidly behind Brett Poate's low free kick from the right.

But Totton were soon back on the offensive with Gosney somehow stepping over Jono Davies' low, driven cross at the far post and then Gillespie bursting through one-on-one but hitting the ball straight at Ashmore.

Those misses quickly came back to haunt the Stags when Gosport pulled it back to 2-1 thanks to a crisp, low left-foot strike from ex-Saint Tom DUNFORD from the edge of the area.

But, having forced a good block by Ashmore from Davies, Totton regained their two-goal cushion just before the hour.

Ex-Eastleigh midfielder Danny Smith was booked for a blatant trip on Gosney and the wide man made him pay with a superb free-kick which was met by a stooping header from WHISKEN which seemed to catch Ashmore off guard.

The same combination might have profited again on 64 minutes, but this time Whisken's downward header from Gosney's corner was easily gathered by the keeper.

Ashmore made another important block from the determined Davies as Totton piled on the pressure and, again, their failure to make the most of their chances was punished by Gosport with 72 minutes gone.

The Stags made a mess of dealing with a high-ball from the right, allowing substitute Adam WILDE – an ex-Totton player – to plant a free hit into the bottom corner.

With ex-Eastleigh midfielder Brown playing like a man possessed, Gosport were making life increasingly uncomfortable for Totton and Brown was livid when no penalty was awarded as he went down under Chris Mason's challenge.

Justin Bennett, who was having a quiet game, hit a tame free-kick at Barfoot, but, seconds later, the Borough hot-shot made better contact with a half-volley which cleared the bar.

Fawley flame burns bright

Totton & Eling 2 Fawley 5
BEN Murphy's second minute goal pointed Fawley towards a 5-2 win over Sydenhams Wessex League rivals Totton & Eling in an entertaining Waterside derby at Little Testwood Farm, writes **MIKE VIMPANY**.

Murphy cut in from the left to fire into the top corner to give Fawley an early lead, which Luke Walker doubled ten minutes before half-time with a deflected shot which wrong-footed Totton keeper Sam Webb.

Two minutes before the break Sam Carter clawed a goal back for Totton, who were unfortunate not to equalise soon after when a low cross-shot from Jamie Feasey flashed just wide of the far post.

Totton found themselves chasing the game again early in the second half when Walker gave Fawley a 3-1 lead from a penalty, awarded for a challenge by Matt Rodrigues on Zac Anderson.

Totton's second half pressure culminated in Feasey glancing a header past Joe Prodomo to trim Fawley's lead once again.

But the introduction of Leighton Speechley-Price had a telling effect as the substitute laid on a fourth Fawley goal for the impressive Aaron Blaxall.

Soon after, Speechley-Price made it 5-2 with a sweetly struck shot from the edge of the penalty box.

Eastbourne Borough 1 Eastleigh 0

Eastleigh brought in new goalkeeper Ross Flitney early on in windy conditions and Craig McAllister had a goal disallowed. Shortly afterwards from a Jai Reason cross Damian Scannell had a powerful shot off target.

In the 20th minute Flitney made a good save from an Ollie Rowe header and in the 29th minute Scannell had a shot saved. Jai Reason also had a deflected shot saved.

Before half-time former Eastleigh favourite Frankie Raymond and David Knight forced routine saves from Flitney.

The very windy conditions were making good football difficult.

HALF-TIME: EASTBOURNE BOROUGH 0 EASTLEIGH 0

For the second consecutive Saturday match it was one of their former players who played a major part in the result as Frankie RAYMOND who was at Eastleigh last season converted a cross from David Knight.

Early in the second-half Scannell forced home goalkeeper Day to make a low save. Knight also shot wide for the home team however Eastleigh put on a lot of pressure towards the end of the half and forced several corners but they seldom troubled the home goalkeeper although one effort did require a goal-line clearance which some people might have thought had crossed the line.

McAllister had a good chance from a cross from Scannell but his effort was wide.

Scannell also put in a cross that no-one could get on the end of. However, in the end it was Raymond's goal that decided the game and the goalscorer received the sponsor's man-of-the-match.

Vandals wreck BTC football pitch

SENSELESS vandals have wrecked a specially-designed children's football pitch causing £10,000 of damage.

A group of trespassers climbed the 8ft fences into BTC Southampton Football Club's Under 11s pitch on Stoneham Lane and played a

match in the rain on Friday afternoon.

The pitch had been being prepared since April.

Chairman Damon Brown said: "We are all absolutely devastated about this. The pitch was specially designed for the children and there

has only been one game played on it.

"Now it is wrecked. It is so bad we might not be able to play on the pitch until next Spring."

Hampshire police said they are trying to trace the group of eight people.

● For full story see Monday's Daily Echo.

Non-league Football

Pro deal for Ben?

FORMER Saints academy youngster Ben Wilson is a step closer to winning a professional playing contract with League One Swindon Town or Leyton Orient.

More than 5,000 players from all over the country entered Samsung's Win A Pro Contract competition – and Ben is through to the Quarter-Final stage.

The 18-year-old left back, below, who lives in Southampton, is one of 88 players remaining after impressing scouts at Regional Trials.

He will now play in an 11-a-side match at Staines Town FC on Sunday, November 4.

Ben said: "I played for Southampton FC Academy until I was 15.

"It's nice to know that I still have what it takes.

"I've always wanted to be a professional footballer and this competition could let me live my dream."

The 88 players are battling it out to be among the 11 players selected for the Final in December.



30 goals in two games!

TADLEY Calleva reserves smashed a club record by scoring THIRTY goals in two games.

The Barlows Park second string started with a modest 7-3 Hampshire Intermediate Cup win over Paulsgrove.

But they really went goal crazy against Basingstoke & District basement boys Heathpark in the North Hants Cup, crushing them 23-0.

Kye Theodore broke another club record by scoring ten goals in one match and 12 in two games.

Pete White (5), Ricky Wacknell (4) and long-serving centre-back Ian Cadman (3) joined in the feast and Ashley Perry netted for the first time in seven years.

Quiz night

VERWOOD Town are holding a quiz night at The Hub, Verwood, on Saturday, November 24.

Around 50 per cent of the questions will be sports-based and the rest general knowledge.

Teams can have a maximum of six members and the £8.50 per person entry includes a food basket of sausage, burger or veggie burger and chips.

Food choices and payments should be confirmed through Neville Munson (01202 820271) no later than November 17.

BARFOOT RUES LATEST CHAPTER OF CUP MISERY ...

GOALKEEPER Gareth Barfoot believes AFC Totton are not far away from building a side that can challenge for Southern Premier promotion.

Having spent the last two seasons with Eastleigh in the Blue Square Bet South, Barfoot – one of the key figures behind Totton's rise from the Sydenhams Wessex League – returned to a very different Stags set-up during the summer.

For one thing, the club had finally left their ageing Testwood Park home and moved into their plush, new Testwood Stadium HQ, which was purpose-built for Conference South football.

For another, there had been a change of team manager with former Bashley boss Steve Riley replacing Stuart Ritchie, who had bowed out after eight success-filled seasons to take on a fresh and, ultimately, fateful new challenge at Havant & Waterlooville.

Much as Barfoot savoured the opportunity to play higher at Eastleigh, he never really wanted to leave Totton in the first place.

"I spent four years at the club waiting for the new ground to come along and then got shown the door!" he said.

"I didn't have to leave, but Totton had just signed Jason Harvell and I was told I would be third choice behind him and James Lester, so I knew I had no future at the club.

"It's good to be back though.

"I'd never played for Steve Riley before, but he's very cool, calm and collected and things don't seem to faze him.

"He's a different sort of character to Badger (Stuart Ritchie). Whereas Badger was very intense and seemed to have the weight of the world on his shoulders, Steve's a lot more laid back."

Intense he may have been, but Ritchie's record with the Stags was pretty special.

Just prior to Barfoot joining the club, he had guided them to an FA Vase final at the new Wembley. The Sydenhams League title and subsequent promotion to the Southern League quickly followed.

Barfoot was unfortunate enough to endure a double dose of Division One South & West play-off heartbreak and had moved to Eastleigh before the Stags finally cracked promotion as league champions in 2010/11.

He missed out again last season as Totton created national headlines with a fairytale journey to the FA Cup second round proper, culminating in a home tie against Bristol Rovers.

Until last Saturday, it looked as if Riley's class of 2012/13 could be destined to recreate that Cup magic.

Having dumped out Swindon Supermarine, Truro City and Merthyr Town, they were blessed with home advantage against divisional rivals Cambridge City.

But they were punished for some costly defensive lapses in a 3-2 defeat, leaving Hedge End-based Barfoot to reflect ruefully on a fourth failed mission to get beyond the fourth qualifying round.

"I feel like Jonah – I can't get past it," he said. "When I was at Totton before, we lost

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at Grays and Bath City, and I was on the bench when Eastleigh lost to Woking.

"I'm 31 next month, so time's running out although goalkeepers do peak late!"

If Totton are to establish themselves as a Southern Premier force this season, Barfoot believes they've got to cut out the silly errors – himself included.

"We deserved to win on effort against Cambridge because we didn't stop going – but not with the mistakes we made," he said.

"I was disappointed with the second goal. It bounced just as I got my hand to it and went in right next to the post.

"We know we can score goals with the firepower we've got, but we've got to cut out the sloppy mistakes.

"Cambridge got balls in far too easily, which is a shame because we'd been on a hell of a run.

"The atmosphere in the dressing room was very subdued afterwards because everyone knew we'd missed out on the chance to go forward.

"It's still a good achievement getting as far as we did, but it's an opportunity missed."

The last chapter of Ritchie's Totton story was to lead them to the Southern Premier play-off final at the first attempt, albeit that it ended in defeat at Oxford City.

Asked if Riley's new-look side could match that achievement, Barfoot – now father to daughter Sienna, one, and one month-old son Harry – said: "We're not far away, but Steve doesn't have the strength in depth Badger had.

"Stu was spoilt for choice last year and had six strikers at one stage.

"We've got young lads on the bench who have done well, but they're not experienced.

"But if we can make the play-offs, promotion is achievable – that's our aim."



GARETH BARFOOT

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Nat could play again this season

GARETH Barfoot does not rule out the possibility of seeing injured team-mate Nathaniel Sherborne back in action before the end of the 2012/13 campaign.

After breaking his leg in the pre-season friendly against Basingstoke Town, Sherborne

has been a regular matchday visitor to AFC Totton's Testwood Stadium.

The popular striker was there again to support the Stags in last Saturday's FA Cup tie against Cambridge City and, although the result didn't go Totton's way, the news from

Sherborne was positive.

Goalkeeper Barfoot revealed: "Sherbs is due to have the pins out of his leg on November 1 and start rehab."

"He's written off this season, but says that if he could get ten minutes at the end of the season, that would be a bonus."

"It's such a shame Sherbs was injured because he and Richard Gillespie had struck up a really good partnership in pre-season."

"But it was good to see him here."

"He's a bit more mobile now with a protective boot on rather than a cast."

TV cash for Totton's Cup conquerors

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THE true cost of AFC Totton's FA Cup exit became apparent this week when their conquerors Cambridge City landed a television windfall.

The Lilywhites – 3-2 winners at the Testwood Stadium last Saturday – were handed a home tie against npower League One side MK Dons in Monday's draw for the first round proper.

It has been selected for live coverage on ESPN, kicking off at the Pro-Edge Stadium next Friday (November 2) at 7.30pm, and is worth almost £64,000 per club.

City chairman Kevin Satchell said: "The windfall in terms of money from the television revenue will be substantial and it is something we couldn't possibly have budgeted for at the beginning of the season."

Having come back from 3-1 down to 3-2 last Saturday, Totton piled the pressure on Cambridge in the closing minutes, but the Lilywhites stood strong.

City manager Gary Roberts said: "We missed some really good chances to put ourselves out of reach at 2-1 and 3-1 and they looked really dispirited, but a goal out of nothing gave them a bit more vigour."

"But even though Totton peppered our area in the last 15 to 20 minutes, we still had several break-aways and plenty of attacks where we could have finished them

off. We just about deserved to win." Totton boss Steve Riley, who saw Mike Gosney and Dave Allen keep his side in the tie, admitted: "I was disappointed with the goals we

CONSOLATION: Dave Allen wheels away after scoring for Totton in the FA Cup last weekend.



conceded.

"Apart from that, Barfs (goalkeeper Gareth Barfoot) didn't have a great deal to do."

"The crowd got behind us and we set up a bit of a grandstand finish, but we'd made it hard for ourselves by getting sloppy and Cambridge capitalised."

"They dealt with balls into the box better than we did and that was the difference."

"At 3-2 everyone was lifted and the last ten minutes or so were very nervy for them. We threw the kitchen sink at them but couldn't get an equaliser."

"The ball wouldn't fall for us on the day, but you've got to give credit to Cambridge. I've got a lot of time for their manager Gary Roberts."

"He's got a good bunch of experienced players who played the game at their pace, slowed it down when they needed to and knew how to handle the referee."

"A Cup run and a bit of money in the coffers would have been nice, but it wasn't to be."

"We had an opportunity to progress and didn't take it."

"Gutted is probably the word for it."

"The crowd were great and I feel for the fans having to watch the draw with us not in it."

"I'm the worst loser, but there's nothing we can do now. We've got to dust ourselves down and go again."

● Dorchester Town have also struck the ESPN jackpot with their home tie against Plymouth being screened live from the Avenue Stadium next Sunday (November 4, 4.30pm).

With each club set to pocket £63,800, Magpies' boss Phil Simkin – whose Blue Square Bet South side beat nine-man Bury Town 3-1 last weekend – has described it as "a dream come true."

"For a club like ours it's unbelievable," he said.

"A year ago we were struggling to pay wages from one week to the next, but now we have made nearly £90,000 in prize money and television money."

"Just imagine if we beat Plymouth!"

Leigh are 'not world beaters'

NORTH Leigh last Saturday showed exactly why Sholing boss Dave Diaper has tipped them to win the Southern One South & West title.

The Oxfordshire club destroyed league leaders' Poole Town's unbeaten record with a convincing 4-0 victory at Eynsham Hall Park.

Tommy Killick's Dolphins had conceded just five times in eight league matches prior to last weekend, but their defensive record took a pounding as John Mills helped himself to a hat-trick – two from the penalty spot – and Lewis Coyle netted a late fourth.

To complete a wretched day for Poole, defender Will Spetch saw red after receiving two bookings for his part in conceding both spot kicks.

Killick admitted North Leigh



WILL SPETCH

had been "worthy winners" but felt mistakes let his side down.

"We were poor. It was one of those games we have got to try to forget," he said.

Whereas Diaper is convinced North Leigh will be the team to beat this season, Killick does not believe last Saturday's scoreline was a true reflection of the comparative strength of the two sides.

"North Leigh are not world beaters and we didn't come away thinking they were going to be much better than us over the course of the season. They just got the better of us on Saturday," he said.

"I probably have to take some of the responsibility for it because, at 2-0, we chased the game and it went against us."

"It was a bad day for us, but it has not shaken our belief that we can still go up."

Discussing centre-half Spetch, Killick added: "Will has probably been our best player all season. I am not going to start criticising."

Poole came desperately close to making up for Saturday's disappointment with a midweek win over Hungerford Town.

But having taken a 28th-minute lead through ex-Eastleigh youngster Sam Wilson, they were pegged back by a late Mark Draycott leveller.

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ALL SMILES: Denplan MD Steve Gates, left, accepting Golden Ball award from WCFC owner Paul McCarthy.

Golden Ball for champs

WESSEX champions Winchester City have honoured sponsors Denplan with their prestigious Golden Ball award.

After romping to the Sydenhams Premier title last season, each team member signed the ball and club owner Paul McCarthy was delighted to hand it over to Denplan's managing director Steve Gates.

"We could not have been more delighted with our success last year, so it only seemed right to present this award to our main sponsor Denplan as a thank you for all the support over the years," said McCarthy.

"Denplan's sponsorship and support is massively important to us. The financial foundation they provide to the club is the life blood that's so pivotal when it comes to the difference between success and relegation."

Winchester have experienced some challenging times of late, losing manager Guy Butters and a handful of quality players as they look to establish themselves in the Southern Division One South & West.

But they have quickly regrouped and things are looking positive again after back-to-back league wins over Yate Town and Evesham United.

"It's going to be a tough season going forward, but now we have a new manager, James Taylor, and a great group of young players who are putting in tremendous effort and have a great attitude to the sport," said McCarthy.

"Hopefully we can continue our success from last season into the next."

Accepting the award on behalf of the UK dental payment plan specialists – Winchester's largest private employer, Steve Gates said: "Denplan has supported Winchester City FC for a long time now and it's great to be involved with the local community and to sponsor our local teams."

"We were thrilled to hear the club won the league last year and we thank them for their supreme effort and for this very special award."

Fawley feeling benefits of stricter disciplinary code

LESS BACK-CHAT = MORE POINTS

MANAGER Colin Lane believes a stricter disciplinary code has contributed to Fawley AFC's rise up the Sydenhams Premier table.

After a tentative start to the season, the Oilers climbed to the heady heights of tenth with a 2-1 win over Lymington Town last Saturday – their third straight home league victory.

Having a full squad regularly available will be crucial to maintaining that improvement and, if Lane has his way, he won't be losing players to silly suspensions brought on by back-chatting to match officials.

"We're flying high in the disciplinary league at the moment. We're second to Newport IoW," he said.

"I've installed a disciplinary code and told the players that I won't fault them for getting booked for a foul, but being booked for mouthing off at the ref is a no go."

Although Fawley are a non-paying club, Lane will not hesitate to hit the players in the pocket if they can't keep their mouths shut.

"If they're booked for dissent they get a £20 internal fine on top of the standard £10 fine," he said.

"We've only had one player booked for dissent this year, so we've already felt the benefits of not giving referees stick."

"There are two big pluses as far as I'm concerned – one, you keep your squad together, and, two, I don't see the point of giving loads of money to the Hants FA."

Having persuaded his players to think before they speak, Lane will encourage his management team to do the same.

In his view the 'banter' between the dugouts got a bit out of hand last Saturday and he openly admits that it was Fawley who threw the first stone.

Lane said: "(Player/assistant manager) Callum Earl criticised one of the Lymington players and, understandably (Lymington manager) Andy Leader reacted."

"It was only banter, which you always get in dugouts, but it was a bit OTT on both sides."

"You don't slag off other people's players and I must have told my dugout to shut up about three times."

As far as Leader is concerned, it's

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already forgotten.

"Football's football and you all shake hands at the end of the match," he said. "But when the opposition bench slaughters one of your players, as a manager you are going to protect him."

Having sent Romsey and AFC Portchester packing at Long Lane, Fawley added Lymington to their list of victims – thanks to a last-minute winner from former Sholing centre-back Rob Flooks.

"It was the last corner of the game and Rob's headed in his first goal for the club," said Lane.

"I'd told the lads beforehand that three points and nothing else would do, but halfway through the second half I thought that salvaging a point would be okay. Overall, though, I think we just deserved to win it."

"We've had three home fixtures against teams I expected to be around us and we've beaten all three. But it's never easy because they too would have felt they had a chance of beating 'lowly Fawley!'" he smiled.

"I'm happy with the lads and we've got to keep it going."

"I've told them not to look up the table, but to look down and make sure we pull away from the bottom three."

"Once we've done that, we can start looking up and see how far we can go."

"We're looking to get as many points as we can at home and see what we can nick away."

"It's early days yet, but if we're still tenth come the end of the season, that would be a tremendous achievement for Fawley."

With Darren Morris out with an ankle injury, Lane gave a frontline runout to new signing Leighton Speechley-Price, formerly of Bashley and Sholing.

Joining Morris on the sidelines is midfielder Tom Edwards, out for seven weeks with a knee problem, and manager's son Nick Lane, who has a broken hand.

Midfielder Elliott Earl made a comeback from a knee injury in the reserves last Saturday and should soon be knocking at the first-team door.



ON TARGET: Bemerton's Kane O'Keefe, right.

Unhappy hunting ground

AFC PORTCHESTER won't be hurrying back to Western Way after being hit for THIRTEEN goals in three days.

Bemerton Heath Harlequins beat the newly-promoted Sydenhams One runners-up 5-1 in the Premier Division last Saturday and then piled on the agony two days later with an 8-1 drubbing in the Russell Cotes Cup.

Kane O'Keefe and Danny Young scored two apiece on Saturday with Eddie Perrett also on target.

The trio all netted again on Monday – Perrett scoring two

this time – as the Harlequins opened their RCC defence in impressive style.

Tom Roberts converted two penalties, Jack Slade got one and Dan Metcalfe managed his first ever senior goal from the spot.

"We are gradually getting it together and beginning to deal with the loss of Joe Sanger and Joe Fisher," said Harlequins boss Ian Chalk.

"The first 45 minutes on Saturday was the best we have played."

"We approached Monday very well too and played some fantastic football."

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OUT OF THE



FIRING LINE?

EASTLEIGH manager Richard Hill today looked set to take young ex-Saints goalkeeper Jack Dovey out of the firing line at Eastbourne Borough.

Having turned 20 this week, Dovey, pictured above, is still a young keeper learning his trade. And by bringing in the street-wise Ross Flitney on a month's loan from npower League Two outfit Gillingham, Hill hopes Dovey will benefit from having experienced competition in the ranks.

Flitney – 28 and 6ft 3in – recently resumed full training after sustaining a knee injury in January.

Since returning from surgery in the summer, the former Barnet, Grays and Dover Athletic 'keeper has found himself down the pecking order at the Priestfield Stadium where both Hill and his assistant Guy

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Butters have worked in the past. Discussing Flitney's arrival at the Silverlake, Hill said: "At our level of football everybody is looking for a quality, experienced 'keeper."

"Ross has just returned from injury and, with my contacts at Gillingham, they have kindly agreed to help us out."

"This arrangement will suit everyone. Ross has played over 200 games and has bags of experience which will help us. It suits Gillingham and this arrangement will help Jack who will learn lots from Ross."

Hitchin-born Flitney began his career as a youngster with Arsenal before moving to Fulham in 2003 where he worked with senior 'keepers like Edwin van der Sar and Mark Crossley.

He went on to play around 50 games for Barnet, including an ill-fated Carling Cup match against Manchester United in October 2005 when he received the quickest red card in Old Trafford history.

With just 80 seconds gone, he was penalised for handling the ball outside the area – his first touch of the match.

The red card was later rescinded on appeal, but too late for Barnet who lost 4-1.

Flitney left the Bees in the summer of 2007 and played for Grays and Croydon Athletic before signing for Andy Hessenthaler at Dover.

Hessenthaler, who had previously worked with Flitney at Barnet, said at the time: "He's a keeper I've had my eye on. He brings something different to the table in that he is 6ft 3in and kicks the ball a mile!"

The pair were reunited at Gillingham in July last year with Flitney making his debut in

the Gills' 1-0 win over Cheltenham Town and going on to make 27 appearances in 2011/12 before injury struck.

He continued his comeback on Tuesday playing for a Gillingham Development XI, who lost 1-0 to Luton.

Flitney's arrival at Eastleigh means that Lloyd Anderson, who only recently arrived as cover for Dovey, has been released.

Meanwhile, transfer-listed Spitfires forward/midfielder Chris Flood has joined BSB South rivals Maidenhead United on a one-month deal.

Flood, signed from Dorchester Town last season, recently scored a hat-trick in Eastleigh's Hampshire FA Senior Cup win over Christchurch.

"Chris asked to go out on loan and this will be a good opportunity to play a few games as he has not had much of a look-in since arriving at Eastleigh," said Hill.

Kane off on Oz trip

BLACKFIELD & Langley will be one ex-Poppy light when they entertain Bournemouth Poppies in the FA Vase second round proper on November 17.

Towering midfielder Kane Daysh, a carpenter by trade, has left the Watersiders to go and work Down Under in Australia.

Blackfield knew of Daysh's plans before last Saturday's FA Cup fourth qualifying round tie at Hastings United but kept it under wraps because Hastings had done their scouting mission when the 22-year-old was in the side.

Without Daysh, the Sydenhams Premier outfit underdogs were beaten 3-0 by their Ryman Premier hosts with Ekow Elliott

missing a penalty when the tie was still goalless.

"We said on Saturday that we came unstuck a bit without Kane and we definitely missed him," said Burnett.

"But, saying that, Dave Ewen has been superb and Jake Rowley, who missed a lot of pre-season, is getting better all the time. With those two doing a good job in the middle, we're ticking over well."

With their best ever FA Cup run now behind them, Blackfield will concentrate on making history in the Vase.

Along with Daysh, four of their players – Ewen, Rowley, Joe Byrne and Max Crow – were part of the Bournemouth Poppies squad that made it to the

Long haul for Town

WITH just three points banked from a possible 33, it looks like being a long, hard season for Wessex basement boys Romsey Town.

Tuesday's 5-0 home hammering by Blackfield & Langley made it a whopping 22 goals conceded in four league games since their 2-1 win at Hordean in late September.

Alex Baldacchino was destroyer-in-chief for Blackfield on Tuesday, plundering a hat-trick and also hitting the post.

Dave Ewen and Nathan Lynch completed the demolition job for the Watersiders who bounced straight back from their FA Cup disappointment at Hastings last Saturday to climb to tenth in the Sydenhams Premier.

Blackfield's assistant manager Glenn Burnett, pictured, said afterwards that he "didn't care if it was 1-0 or 10-0 as long as we got the three points."

But, having managed Romsey for two seasons, he felt a certain amount of

sympathy for the predicament of his old club who have yet to find their feet after a major summer rebuilding job under new boss Danny Barker.

"Romsey are suffering a bit and I've always said that although I want Blackfield to beat them, I hope they win every other game and stay up," said Burnett.

"They've got some good youngsters there, but they maybe need to bring a few more experienced players in."

Having led Romsey to respectable 11th and 10th places in 2008/09 and

2009/10, Burnett eventually moved on, worn down by the seemingly endless list of jobs to do on and off the pitch at the Bypass Ground.

"I was at Romsey for two and a half years and I know what it's like at the club," he said.

"It's tough when you're down there at the bottom, but I hope things pick up for them and they stay up."



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Meet the Manager

BUSH HILL

Eugene McManus

Age: 41

Where are you from: Southampton

Occupation:

Licensee at

Southampton's 'The

Saints' pub.

Position in the club: Manager

Who do you support: Saints

Favourite player: James Lavendar

Best footballing moment: Winning

Southampton Senior Cup semi-final

Best goal you have ever seen:

James Lavendar v Northend 2010/11.

Ambitions for the club: Wessex

League football, having recently

secured a lease on Mansel Park.



About the team:

Nickname: The 'Mighty Bush' Hill

Local pub: The Saints

Team tightwad with the subs: Kev

O'Rourke

Ladies man: Willie O'Rourke

Best haircut: Nick Kesby - mullet,

need I say more.

Worst haircut: Chris King, short back

& Beckham

Club jester: Sean Haines, same joke

every week...pulls out a clean pair of

plastic boots to avoid a fine but wears

a pair from the sewer.

Dodgiest driver: Craig Samways.

Thinks he is a great driver, but never

looks in his mirror.

Who owns the worst car and what

is it? Ronnie Spiteri with his 'fit for a

Hairdresser' 1982 Ford Fiesta

QUESTMAP

Jamie Stapleton

Age: 29

Where are you from: Southampton

Occupation:

Highway

Maintenance at

R&W Traffic Division

Position in the

club: Manager

Who do you support: Leeds United

Favourite player: Matt Le Tissier

Best footballing moment: Winning

the Premier Division for the first team

after progressing from Junior 5 as

Bush Hill manager.

Best goal you have ever seen: Tony

Yeboah's volleys against Liverpool

and Wimbledon.

Ambitions for the club: Win the

Senior title.

About the team

Nickname: The Map

Local pub: The Fleming Arms

Team tightwad with the subs: Ryke

Promery; claims he hasn't had a job

since school

Ladies man: Aaron Chapman.

Best haircut: Karl Balthazar, his

dreadlocks look pretty good.

Worst haircut: Matt McKenzies,

receding ginger hair, can't wait to be

bold

Club jester: Paul Willets, He thinks

we laugh with him but it's actually at

him.

Dodgiest driver: Paul Boucher, use-

less behind the wheel.

Who owns the worst car and what

is it? Josh Barnes, drives a beat up

Fiesta. Is 6 foot 8 inches and has to

have the sun roof open.



WILTSHIRE TRIPLE



HAT-TRICK HERO: Paul Wiltshire, left, has just netted one of his hat-trick goals.

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TOUCHLINE TOTTY: Courtney Devereaux, left, Yasmin Chambers, middle, and Shaunna Mullin.

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Team Ratings

BUSH HILL

Kev O'Rourke: Busy first half and his gloves looked like they had superglue on them, he couldn't even spill a pint. Solid and made some good saves **9**

Rich Way: Team mates say he looks like a Polish Boy Band star, not that I would know. Too much Eurovision watching. Good throwing and tough tackles, everything you want in a defender **9**

Sean Haines: Pacy, strong, and first to everything in the air, not a player you'd like snapping away at your ankles. Got involved in plenty of banter with fans on the sidelines too. Excellent game **9**

Stuart Laxton: Won some headers at the back. Didn't really notice him put a foot wrong, and made some timely interceptions too **7**

Dean Laxton: Passed the ball well throughout, and helped Bush Hill counter at speed **7**

Liam Keites: Kept things tidy in the middle. A bit like Paul Scholes, but without the ginger hair - and a lot louder **8**

Danny Wakefield: Was feeling a bit worse for wear but still managed to find some energy. Can't fault him for his commitment **7**

James Lavender: Kept the midfield going in the first half when they were under pressure, and did lots of the 'dirty work' **8**

Terry Parker: Big Arsenal fan, who likes to base his game on passing and moving. Had a very good second half, didn't get going in the first **7**

Perry Harding: Played a flick in two of the goals with a good lay-off and a hand. A good foil for Paul Wiltshire. Said to be a pretty bad singer, good thing he does his talking on the pitch **8**

Paul Wiltshire: Gets the honour of being Park Scratchings' first ten out of ten rating this season. Reward for that is an inflated ego and probably a barren run in front of goal. Absolutely clinical **10**

Nicky Kesby: Slotted in nicely, but the game was already won by the time he came on **7**

Louis Moody: Made a few tackles when he came on **7**

Chris King: Came on in the second half, runs like a footballer, dresses like a footballer, but team mates say he plays like a netball player. Still managed to have a good cameo **7**

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Mark Cocks: A goalkeeper in park football that takes goalkeeping, something of a rarity apparently. Made some good saves, but sadly not against Paul Wiltshire **6**

Mitchell Holmes: You don't want to be up against him - he's like a Jack Russell chasing a bone. Had a good first half, faded in the second **7**

Karl Balthazar: Turns up late for training, sometimes late in the challenge and team mates say he needs a watch for Christmas. Played excellently, stands out for his dreadlocks, superb left footed cross too **8**

Alex Thistle: Wants to believe he's the second coming of Steven Gerrard. Showed some good commitment against a solid Bush Hill attack and got stuck in. Still a way to go yet to be as good as Stevie G **8**

Kraig Chapman: Says he's faster than Usain Bolt, but showed the acrobatic talent of a Russian gymnast with a goal line clearance. Put in some strong challenges, no-nonsense defender with a raking long ball **8**

James Davis: Mr Versatile. Great player, but better shelf stacker **7**

Shaun Clouder: Team mates say he's a bit 'under the thumb' but on the pitch his focus is about raising motivation levels. Good team captain **7**

Aaron Cashmore: Both footed, quick footed but flat footed on the dance floor, good thing he makes up for the moves with his trickery on the wing **8**

Sanchez McClean: Built like a muscled version of Emile Heskey. Wasn't quite his day, he went off injured in the second half. Put himself about in the first half **7**

Lewis Hunt: The playmaker. Likes to get between the lines and play deft through balls. Great first half but frustrated in the second. Plenty more to come from him this season **7**

Ryke Promery: Had a few chances in the first half. Likes to get forward, and also likes to complain about being on the wing **7**

Lewis Mullins: Stop-start season until last Saturday. Good tackler of the ball but legs like Bambi **7**

Aaron Chapman: Known as 'The Incredible Sulk' and hasn't played a great deal due to work. Good player ... when he's on the pitch **7**

Shae Stapleton: Good sub to have. Likes to warm up in a pair of jeans **7**

Matt McKenzie: Came on and played well. Not the biggest but has some class on the ball. Passed it well and created a couple of chances in his half-hour cameo **8**

MATCH RATINGS

highlight: Too many to choose but Kraig Chapman's last ditch off the wing header was something special. Easy to pick out goals or bits of skill, but forget the dirty work that's done in the shadows.

lowlight: Questmap's inability to score. It would have made a great evening better if they just found a finish. In the second half they had two decent chances at the end which were not taken. Horribly wide, they could have made things extra spicy if they had scored.

Rating: **8/10**

It was a nine, had Questmap made it in terms of score-line. Everyone was on enjoying two good team performances. Hammer and tongs at each other. Second half was the best I've seen so far, but Wiltshire certainly showed his class.

Referee report

Referee: Johnson

Assistant: Taxi Driver

Shirley Warren

Write footballing memory: Four years ago, when Town played Wimborne, and were a top side but Wimborne beat them 5-1 and it was a joy to ref. There was a crowd of 500 people and it was a fantastic experience.

Comment: One of the best refs I have seen. Reason, he let the game flow given the odd challenges that were going in. He didn't have too many controversial calls and didn't even give a card out. In the respect of the players and the referee **8/10**

IT'S not often in park football that a £200 bet on a match is laid down.

But when Bush Hill faced Questmap in the Southampton Cup, there was so much more on the line than just money at stake.

Despite the fact Questmap chairman Peter Harding put a £200 bet on them to win.

The teams knew each other inside out as ten of Questmap's players used to play for Bush Hill.

Map manager Jamie Stapleton, 29, has a special affection for Bush Hill as he had looked after the club for ten years until 2009.

Now Stapleton has mixed emotions about playing them.

He said: "This is the first time I'm watching Bush Hill and wanting them to lose."

"Both teams know each other well. We're all mates and we were even in the pub having a laugh about the game earlier in the week."

The tasking facing Questmap was a tough assignment.

Bush Hill are a formidable team, with a reputation that is feared in Southampton League football, but these days it is for the right reasons, as manager Eugene McManus, 41, explained.

He said: "That reputation we had before has changed in recent years."

"We are feared for our ability on the pitch."

His team's success backs that statement up, as they are the most successful side in Southampton League football, having won the Senior Premier Division for four consecutive seasons.

Their ambitions now extend all the way to the Wessex League, having secured a ten-year lease on Mansel Park Recreation Ground.

This wasn't just any game. As soon as I arrived, the pitch was



IN CONTROL: Liam Keites on the ball for Bush Hill.

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lined with almost a hundred fans watching on.

Both teams looked fired-up with war cries and last minute instructions coming from each camp.

They knew friendships would be thrown out of the window for 90 minutes.

From the off, Questmap went on the attack and pressed Bush Hill with a series of tough tackles. They went close in the first minute when Lewis Hunt connected with a header that just flew wide after a cross by Karl Balthazar.

Bush Hill looked unsettled and it looked like only a matter of time until they conceded.

But, then Hill sprang into life, and their reputation as a top team was easy to understand.

They broke at pace and counter-attacked swiftly, forcing keeper Mark Cocks into a one-handed save from

James Lavender's hooked shot.

Then when Cocks couldn't make a save from Perry Harding, centre back Kraig Chapman provided the moment of the match with a spectacular off-the-line diving header.

But the danger wasn't over, and Lavender laid the ball off to striker Paul Wiltshire to score.

Questmap tried to hit back immediately, Lewis Hunt providing a piece of inspiration to get Ryke Polmmery through on goal, but he blazed over.

By now the tie possessed an ebb and flow.

Questmap pushed Bush Hill back, who would then break away and create a chance.

This happened again in the 30th minute when a flick on from Perry Harding found Wiltshire to volley home a second goal.

The scoreline didn't reflect Questmap's high octane performance, and they came close again when winger Aaron Cashmore fired a stinging shot wide.

The second half didn't have quite the same enthralling end to end action as the first half.

Bush Hill went close when Perry Harding unleashed a rocket shot from the left of the penalty area.

They soon put the game beyond doubt when striker Wiltshire completed a superb hat-trick with a brilliant third goal.

Hill broke and the ball was rolled to Wiltshire, who dummied the defender before nonchalantly rolling the ball calmly past the helpless keeper.

It was unfair on Questmap who had played their part in a great game, but what they lacked was a finishing touch.

Still, Questmap's chairman was left £200 lighter in the pocket.

He probably won't be buying Paul Wiltshire any drinks soon ...



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KEV DAWTRY

MILLERS' SHOCK TACTICS

... and sometimes even the boss is surprised!

TOTTEN & Eling have added an element of surprise to their game in a bid to leave themselves less exposed to the counter-attack.

Although the Millers have long been one of the better footballing sides in the Sydenhams Premier Division, their Achilles heel has been a vulnerability at the back when their attacking moves break down.

But having been beaten just once in their opening ten league outings of the season and won every game on the road, there are signs they are tightening up.

"In the past opposition teams were setting themselves up in a certain way to play us because they knew how we played," said manager Kev Dawtry.

"But we've tinkered with our system a bit so that people aren't sure what they will get from us – but, saying that, neither am I!" he laughed.

"We always had a philosophy that as soon as we got the ball we would attack in numbers, but that was leaving us a bit exposed at times. We might end up winning 4-0 if it came off, but we could also lose 4-0. "What we've looked at is being a bit more disciplined and organised when we haven't got the ball and keeping our concentration."

"It sometimes means that we haven't played as well when we have got the ball, but that's going to happen."

The Millers' master plan worked to a tee last Saturday in an excellent 3-0 win at title rivals Moneyfields.

Strike sensation Craig Feeney stole the show with a hat-trick, establishing the 20-year-old as the league's top scorer with 13 goals from nine starts.

But Dawtry stressed: "The pleasing thing for me was the clean sheet."

"Apart from a bit of a goalmouth scramble early on, we never really looked like conceding the whole game."

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"Moneyfields are quite dangerous from set pieces, as are most teams, but we were disciplined and we didn't allow them to create much."

"Holding a higher league team like Weymouth in the FA Cup was a good result for us. But in terms of the league, I would say the Moneyfields game was probably our best performance of the season."

Sam Carter made the first two goals, teeing up Feeney to smash in a right-foot volley and then glance in a header.

Feeney's hat-trick goal was a fine individual effort, breaking from the halfway line and outmuscling two defenders before drilling home with his left peg.

Money's miserable afternoon was summed up when they had Danny Boyle dismissed for a second yellow card and, unsurprisingly, manager Miles Rutherford was not amused.

Branding his team's performance "shocking", he said: "We were outplayed and outfought. It really was boys against men."

"Totton & Eling looked like a side that's won so many matches on the road."

The result left just five points separating sixth-placed T&E from top spot and, with Bemerton, Newport IOW and Fareham all queueing up behind, Dawtry says it's anyone's guess who will win the league.

"If people want to predict the winners, good luck to them, because I certainly can't," he said.

"You can look down as far as about tenth and they're all in with a chance."

"It could come down to anyone who can put together a consistent run and get results even when they're not playing well."

"We've got Christchurch and Downton to play in November and that could give us a clue of where we might be."



Founder players Chris and Colin Aldis with Suzanne Bureau at Otterbourne's 50th anniversary dinner. Chris and Suzanne travelled from Ottawa in Canada to be present. Order no: 15320401.



Reg Banks, left, was Otterbourne FC's first manager. His grandson, James Banks, right, is the current boss. Order no: 15320422



Host Mike Osman, centre, with Geoff Mattley, left, and Ian Ritchie. Order no: 15320413

THE first 50 years of Otterbourne Football Club were spanned when over 200 guests attended a celebratory dinner at Southampton's Novotel last weekend.

The club's first ever manager Reg Banks was there along with his grandson James, who took over as team boss just a few weeks ago.

Former players travelled from all over the UK, including Jersey, but pride of place went to Chris Aldis who sailed across 'The Pond' on the Queen Mary II from Ottawa, Canada, his home since the late 1960s.

Chris and his brother Colin, who had a shorter journey from New Milton, were among 15 players who attended from the earliest days of the club which was founded as North End Old Boys in 1962.

Southampton FA chairman Terry Windibank presented long service awards to treasurer Jack Goodchild, who has been with the club since its infancy, and to Robin Broom, who held the post of secretary for 49 of the first 50 years.

He also presented a plaque to the club to commemorate the first 50 years of its existence.

Host Mike Osman entertained guests with an after-dinner repertoire of impressions, including Alan Hansen, Roy Hodgson and 'Channon and Ball'.

An auction followed which included a specially signed copy of Duncan Holley's latest Saints book, *Suited and Booted*, a football boot signed by Cristiano Ronaldo and a signed Manchester United shirt.

The money raised will help the Hampshire Premier League club continue to develop and invest in the future.

The next event in Otterbourne's half-century celebrations is a golf day at Romsey Golf Club in the spring. Details are available on the club website at www.otterbournefc.co.uk or from lan.ritchie5@btopenworld.com

Jeff: It's absolutely fantastic to be top of the Wessex League

DOWNTON boss Jeff Softley declared it "absolutely fantastic" to be top of the Sydenhams Premier Division following last Saturday's 1-0 home win over Hamworthy United.

But with skipper Josh Thomas unavailable and fellow centre-back Ben Smith suspended, the Robins needed a late goal to beat the Hammers who were themselves shorn of ten players.

In the absence of Thomas and Smith, Dan Newman and Matt Scott gave Downton a solid base, but they laboured to create opportunities until Matt Holmes set up veteran campaigner Vince Rusher to score nine minutes from time.

"It's absolutely fantastic to be top of the league," beamed Softley.

"The lads deserve it for all their hard work in training and on match days."

"I give them and my coaching staff, Rae Hughes and Mitch Blake, huge credit."

"Hamworthy are very direct, but Dan and Matt dealt with everything that was thrown at them. In the end, it was a superb ball by Matt Holmes and Vince Rusher doesn't miss from there."

"Teams aren't going to let us play, they are going to make it hard for us, and we have to get used to that."

Hamworthy had virtually an entire team sidelined, robbed of the services of Lee Chudy, John Wyatt, Dave Sturgess, Sam Lanahan, Dan Haysom, Diane Bassiriki, Ross Hampton-Brown, Shane

Murphy, Stuart Cannie and Will Robinson.

Manager Simon Browne said: "It was quite a battle to get 11 men out and, in fairness to them, they did quite well."

"We had to play a different formation and use different personnel and we stuck to our task really well."

"We were unlucky not to get something out of it."



JEFF SOFTLEY

Non-league Football

LEADER: I WON'T WALK AWAY FROM TOWN

ANDY Leader has ruled out any possibility of throwing in the towel at Lymington Town.

Since winning their opening game of the season 3-0 at Bournemouth Poppies, the Southampton Road club have scraped together just three of a possible 30 league points, writes **WENDY GEE**.

Last Saturday's depressing 2-1 reverse at Fawley AFC was their seventh league defeat of the Sydenhams Premier season, dumping them into the bottom two.

There were rumours afterwards that Leader was ready to quit after a nearly a year at the helm – but nothing could be further from the truth according to the former BAT, Christchurch and Andover boss who prides himself on being a “scrapper and a fighter” and encourages those qualities in his players too.

Leader, pictured below, is not a man to make excuses either, but even he can't pretend that the rash of injured and unavailable players he has had to contend with has not had a devastating effect on results.

“No excuses, our results have not been good enough and the responsibility lies with me,” he said.

“But we've had such an horrendous time with a catalogue of injury and unavailability. It's been non-stop.

“I'm not one to go in the papers every week blaming this and that for our results.

“We've got enough players registered and we are still able to field a full team for every game.

“But most weeks we've had seven or eight first-team players out and we get no continuity whatsoever. It's been like that for two months.

“Jack Igglesden's just come back from a hamstring problem and now he's rolled his ankle.

“Carlos Geteski was out for seven weeks and couldn't get through the warm-up at Portchester and we've lost Eddie Barnes-Andrews and Sam James who have gone to America for three weeks.

“Luke Watts is playing but he's not fully fit and Dan Pancaldi came back on the bench on Saturday after three weeks out.

“Roy Viner's ripped his hamstring and Alex Blake, one of my stars from last season, is hardly ever there now because his work has changed.

“It's been horrendous and I don't care if you're a good team with a big squad, you'd struggle to cope with that. I've never known anything like it in 19 seasons in management.”

While some managers would be tempted to run for the hills, Leader is no quitter.

“I can assure you that I don't quit



and I won't quit,” he said.

“After 11 games, we are where we deserve to be, but the backing for me and Stuart (assistant manager Stuart Doling) is there from the chairman and secretary. They know what we're up against.

“Winning's a habit and losing's the same, but I fight and scrap all my life and I want the players to do that too. Maybe we've got to dig in a bit more to get ourselves out of this.

“It's not about playing beautiful football, especially now the weather is turning, it's about fighting for results.

“We've got a hell-hole of a month coming up against Christchurch (today), Bemerton, Downton, Blackfield and Horndean, but if we can just get through November and get a few players back, things will turn for us, I can assure you.”

Having taken the lead via a Geteski free kick at Fawley, Lymington were pegged back by a Zac Anderson leveller just before half-time and then beaten in the closing seconds when centre-back Rob Flocks headed home from a corner.

“We lost concentration from the last kick of the game from a set-piece,” said Leader.

White-hot Jamie races into double figures

EX-SAINT Jamie White hoisted his league goal tally into double figures as leaders Salisbury City flexed their muscles with an impressive 3-1 win at Dover Athletic in the Blue Square Bet South last Saturday.

Chris McPhee netted twice and White (pictured) – a summer signing from Winchester City – bagged his tenth of the season as City eased seven points clear at the summit.

“We were outplayed and outthought by a better team,” conceded Dover boss Nicky Forster, who had the scant consolation of a late Ben May penalty.

Salisbury boss Darrell Clarke was delighted with his side's performance.

“We were very clinical in front of goal and, let's be honest, it's what we deserved,” he said.

“We took massive confidence from dominating the first half and we took it into the second half and, when our chances came, we finished them.

“The lads have been magnificent all season with their work-rate and the way they apply themselves. I just can't give them enough credit.”

But he added: “We haven't got a massive squad, so it's great we are seven points clear at the top. But we won't be getting carried away as we haven't got the numbers.

“As Callum Hart and Ryan Brett both came off injured, I may look to strengthen by bringing in a couple of loan players, obviously budget allowing.”

“We're making mistakes at both ends of the field but, apart from the Alresford game (a 4-0 defeat), the games we've lost have only been by the odd goal.

“Fawley were the better team in the first half and deservedly got their equaliser, but we were undoubtedly the better side in the second half, yet it was them who got the winner.

“We've genuinely played well in some games, but that's the way things have gone for us.

“But you don't get relegated in October and we've got to make sure that when the next quarter of the season is over, we're not in the same position.”

Non-league News

Roast is on menu at Linnets

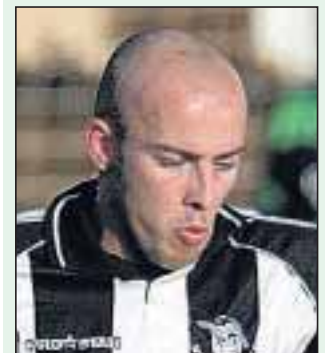
NEW Milton Town have signed Wimborne Town's experienced defender Paul Roast on dual registration forms.

Former Magpies club skipper Roast was brought out of a short-lived retirement just over 12 months ago to become Steve Cuss's player/assistant manager at the Evo-Stik Southern One South & West outfit.

He had a testimonial game against AFC Bournemouth in July last year and spent part of last season dual-signed with New Milton's Sydenhams Premier rivals Bournemouth Poppies.

The experienced Roast has yet to feature for the Linnets, but has agreed to play in midweek games if required.

New Milton experienced joy and



PAUL ROAST

pain this week in their bid to climb clear of the Premier Division drop zone.

Having blitzed bottom club Romsey 5-0 at Fawcetts Field on Saturday, their run of four unbeaten league games ground to a halt at Hayling United on Tuesday where they went down 2-1.

First-half hits by Ian Proctor and Matt Molloy had put the hosts in charge on Saturday before two ex-Romsey men, Tom Donaldson and Simon De'Ath, put the boot into their old club either side of an own goal.

Manager Darren Curtis admitted afterwards that the Linnets' improved form was no guarantee of escaping a relegation battle and they were reminded that they still have work to do at Hayling on Tuesday.

Having had what they considered to be a perfectly good Matt Molloy goal ruled out for offside, the Linnets trailed 2-0 at the break.

Tom Donaldson replied on 62 minutes, but the Humbugs – who scored through Ryan Gadd and Aaron Kinchen – held strong to leapfrog New Milton into 17th. Hayling are now unbeaten in three.

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Bill well into his Stride ...

HAYWARD BOURNEMOUTH
SATURDAY LEAGUE

ST MARY'S led 2-1 at half time against Sway Reserves courtesy of Dan Frisby and Adrian Snell, but the Division 2 pacesetters hit back to win 5-2 thanks to Bill Stride (4) and James Totczyk.

Nearest rivals Bournemouth Electric A beat Westover Bournemouth Reserves 3-0 with goals from Paul Conroy, Sam Phillips, and Adrian Pavey.

Portcastrian are a point clear at the top of the Premier Division despite having their perfect record ruined in a 0-0 draw with treble chance specialists Mudeford Mens Club, who drew for the fifth time in six league outings.

Westover Bournemouth move up to third place after Ed Ewens (2) and Liam McGlynn gave them beat Allendale 3-2, Dave Rimmer and George Kniff replying.

Parley Sports recovered a two goal half time deficit to force a 3-3 draw with Bournemouth Electric thanks to second half goals from Mike La Ronde, Robbie Williams, and Adam Bartlett.

Jolyan May, Joe Kittle, and Mariusz Iglewski were the Electric marksmen.

In the other Premier game, Old Oakmeadians replied through Sam Elliott, Lee Wilkins, and Alan Marsh in a 4-3 loss to Bournemouth Poppies. Will Marsh, James Bates, Craig Leverton, and an own goal won it.

Double joy

JAMES Morris struck twice for Ferndown Sports in the crucial top of the table clash, but the Division 1 leaders went down 5-2 to 100 per centers Richmond Park Con, who are now second – a point behind with two games in hand.

Paul Barber (2, 1 pen), Mike Thompson (2), and Mark Pudney were the Park scorers.

Rimmel Williams netted for Harrington United, but Queens Park Athletic won 3-1 thanks to Lloyd Pearce (2) and Martin Frigot.

Staff on top

BU STAFF take over on top of Division 3 on goal difference after their 3-0 victory over Old Oakmeadians Reserves, Pete Hunt (2) and Dan Solen scoring.

New Milton Eagles opened up a three point lead at the top of Division 4 after Jon Spooner and Ollie Luchoomun clinched a 2-1 win over AFC Bransgore.

Nearest rivals Bisterne Blue Sox led 3-1 with goals from Craig Frost (2) and Alec Moorman, but Seabournes came back to win 4-3 thanks to Nick Clark, Joe Bond, Karl Painter, and Chris Mann.

Round-ly beaten!

DIVISION 5 front runners Rounders crashed to a 4-0 defeat against West Howe who take over in pole position, goals coming from Sam Davis (2), George Berry, and Darren Berry.

Ringwood Athletic are the new leaders of Division 6 after Danny Taylor, Ben Stephenson, Billy Langley, and Elliott Peck ensured a 4-1 victory over Redhill Rangers Reserves.

Boldre Royals go second following their 3-0 success against AFC Burton Reserves, Liam Black (2) and Rob Crouch netting.

Non-league Football

WE'RE WELL OVER BUDGET

Hill has to create his own funds for team-building ...

Wendy Gee

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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

RICHARD Hill would love to have kept departed striker/wideman Marvin Williams at the Silverlake Stadium.

But it seems Eastleigh's eyes were too big for their financial belly when it came to recruiting quality players prior to his arrival as manager.

Williams this week became the fourth player to leave during Hill's short time at the Silverlake helm, signing for Blue Square Bet South rivals Sutton United.

There was no transfer fee involved but, with Williams having penned a two-year deal in May on his arrival from Salisbury City, his departure knocks another big chunk off the Eastleigh wage bill which had already been lightened by Daryl McMahon, Gary Elphick and Wayne Shaw moving to pastures new.

Hill's only permanent squad addition is former Winchester City utility man Leigh Mills who joined on non-contract terms.

Shaw's replacement, goalkeeper Lloyd Anderson, was offloaded this week after the briefest of stays and replaced by Gillingham loanee Ross Flitney.

And frontman Chris Flood, who has been transfer-listed since the summer, has moved to Maidenhead United on a month's loan.

Some fans fear the Spitfires now lack strength in depth for the promised promotion push.

But with the Stoneham Lane club substantially over budget, Hill knew when he succeeded Ian Baird early last month that he would have to pull off a clever juggling act of delivering success on lesser finances.

"I was well aware of the constraints when I accepted the job and I had the opportunity to say 'no thanks, I don't want to be manager,'" he said.

In his very first interview Hill credited Baird for putting an excellent squad together, but he already knew that the club had overstretched themselves financially to build it.

"At most other clubs a quarter

of the squad is made up of younger lads from the reserves," he said.

"But at Eastleigh over the summer everyone got used to having 20-odd players around who could get into any other team in this league.

"If you look at those who've left, they've all gone to clubs at the same level. Daryl McMahon went to Dover, Gary Elphick to Tonbridge and Marvin and Wayne Shaw to Sutton.

"We had 22 players here and people need to get their head around the fact that we had two teams here.

"In my opinion, a club at this level cannot sustain carrying that many players either financially or from the point of view of players getting regular games.

"In football management some decisions are financially led and, as I have previously said, this football club is

over budget and, despite popular belief, money is not readily available.

"I have to create my own funds from within the current budget whilst reducing it to a more sensible level.

"The club is financially sound, but I have been set two tasks by the owner – firstly to achieve success on the pitch and, secondly, to achieve this on a lower budget.

"All I have asked is to be given time to achieve this and I think this is the correct way for the football club to operate.

"Ideally I'd like Marvin to have stayed and, if I could have moved on Chris Flood and Adam Everitt (both transfer-listed) I could have kept him.

"But when clubs come in, they go for what they perceive to be your better players, the ones they believe will make a difference.

"Sutton also enquired about another player, but I said 'no'."



MARVIN WILLIAMS

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DREW SMITH SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE SPOTLIGHT

IN Senior 1, Soton Energy took over top spot in style with an 8-0 trouncing of Burridge, Nick Kellaway leading the way with a hat-trick.

Previous leaders Hedge End Town threw away a 2-0 lead before going down 4-2 at East Boldre, for whom 'Rocky' Moore grabbed a brace.

A Rob Burch double put Comrades Reserves 2-0 up, but they were pegged back to 2-2 at Aztecs.

Three more goals from Mike Baker helped cook up a 5-3 win for Forest Town Reserves in the Junior League Cup against Capital.

The latter bravely fought back from 0-4 down to make it pre-sentable.

Compton Reserves needed penalties to break Wellow's spirits after a 2-2 draw.

- Winchester OB's are in need of a goalkeeper for their Over 40's team.
- But as they are allowed two players over 35 in their squad, they would also like to hear from any keeper over that age.
- Contact Chris Bruty on 01962 880524 or 07725814432 for further details.

Simon Renders struck twice as Langley Manor gained revenge for a recent Cup defeat by winning 4-0 against Braishfield in the only Junior 1 match.

There was a great first victory for Inmar, who edged a seven goal thriller with Questmap Res 4-3 in Division 2.

Upham Reserves inflicted a 7-0 caning on Hamble Utd Reserves with Ollie Coles netting two in Junior 5.

Sporting Wessex defeated local rivals New Forest Res 2-1.

The only Junior 6 encounter

proved a lively and even affair as Braisfield Reserves and Burridge Village drew 5-5.

Dan Hardy struck four times for Burridge.

Hythe Aztecs pulled off a big shock by winning 6-3 at fancied Colden Common in the Southampton FA Veterans Cup with Paul Harfield netting a treble.

Darren Clark of Langley Tavern was also a hat-trick hero as they thumped Langley Manor 6-2.

Two goals each for Scott Blake and Nathan Cross proved sufficient as Wildern defeated OT's 4-1.

Woolston battled to a 3-2 victory over Baddesley Park while BTC defeated fellow top flighters GE Aviation 5-3 in a bad tempered game at Follands.

There was one game in the A division which saw Redlynch beat Q K Soton 5-1 with braces from Andy Goodridge and Al Scott.

Ben Adams hit two as GE Aviation B won 3-1 at Compton in the B division.

Ian McCrindle struck a hat-trick in Stoneham's 5-1 C division win at Priory.

Michelmersh & Timsbury won 4-1 at Redbridge, including a brace from Darren Hancock.

Craig Finch hit both Locks Heath goals in their 2-1 defeat of Winchester OB in the Over 40's.



AFC STATION remain unbeaten in Junior 6 of the Southampton League. Back (from left) Tony Hewes, Paul Adewunmi, Chris Eager, John Malcolm, Michael Hogg, Ben Bowers, Harry Ward, Joey Attard-Charrett. Front: Ross Urquhart, Simon Marcer, Craig Thorne, Michael Dean, Adam Curnow, Gareth Harris

Great senior moments

THE Southampton Senior Cup proved a relatively fruitful day for the top Southampton League teams with Bush Hill, Cadnam, Southampton University and Comrades all progressing to the last 16 of the area's most prestigious competition.

The St May's trail went cold for some but BTC gave holders AFC Stoneham a run for their money before bowing out 1-0.

The pick of our results saw Cadnam win 4-3 after extra time at Winchester Castle in a see-saw battle where a last-gasp extra time goal from Adam Jones sealed victory.

Earlier goalscorers were Luke Kelsey, Steve Clark and Paul Burnett.

Southampton University went even further by going to penalties at Otterbourne.

Chamberlayne go on a goal spree

CHAMBERLAYNE went goal crazy in their all Junior 2 Southampton FA Junior A Cup tie at Otterbourne A.

They romped to a 10-1 victory including trebles from both Marcus Bevan and Tom Weller.

AFC Grains caned Hamble Utd 6-0 with Jamie Blyth hitting a hat-trick.

Veracity crushed Lyndhurst Reserves 13-2 while Warsash Wasps raced into a 3-0 lead against West Totton through an Owen Wylie double and Jamie Howlett penalty.

But they ended up holding on nervously as Ben Pritchard pulled two back for Totton.

The students went ahead after just 30 seconds through Stuart Alexander but were pegged back before the victorious shoot out.

Bush Hill and Comrades both progressed against fellow Drew Smith League teams. Paul Wiltshire was Bush Hill's hat-trick hero in their 3-0 verdict over Questmap (see Park Scratchings in the centre pages).

Comrades knocked out WS

Wombles 4-0 and will be joined by either Hedge End Town or Nursling Reserves in the last 16. Ex Southampton League side Forest Town ended White Horse interest 7-3.

● Bishops Waltham demolished Michelmersh & Timsbury A 14-1 to reach the quarter finals of the Southampton FA Junor B Cup.

Lewis Robinson and Toby Roberts both scored three times.

Chandlers Ford look strong, inflicting a 7-0 mauling on Rover with Niall O'Connor scoring three. Good Companions defeated Applewood 3-1 with Daryl Winter at the double.

They will be aiming for a repeat performance as they face the same opponents in the League Cup.

Priory Rovers squeezed out AFC Stoneham 3-2.

● Michelmersh & Timsbury Reserves had a shock first win of the season as second half goals from Ross Jones and Callum Cooper saw them through to the quarter finals of the Trophyman Senior League Cup with a 2-1 verdict over Nursling Reserves.

Another shock saw Park Sports knock out Netley CS 3-1 courtesy of Roman Williams, Gareth Johnson and sub Scott Ryves.

Also through are Bishopstoke WMC, who needed a single Ollie Dobson strike to see off AFC Hiltngbury.

DREW SMITH SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE (not including this weekend's games)

PREMIER							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Netley Central Spt	5	4	1	0	12	5	13
Nursling	5	4	0	1	18	3	12
Bush Hill	4	3	1	0	11	4	10
Comrades	4	2	1	1	13	5	7
Bishopstoke WMC	5	2	1	2	16	13	7
Cadnam United	3	1	1	1	8	7	4
Questmap	2	1	0	1	11	3	3
Soton University	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
BTC Soton	5	1	0	4	12	22	3
AFC Hiltngbury	4	1	0	3	7	18	3
White Star Wombles	4	0	1	3	0	12	1
Thornhill	4	0	0	4	4	23	0

SENIOR 1							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soton Energy	4	4	0	0	26	1	12
Hedge End Tn	5	3	1	1	20	13	10
East Boldre	5	3	1	1	14	9	10
BTC Soton Res	5	3	1	1	10	11	10
Park Sports	3	3	0	0	13	3	9
Comrades Res	6	2	2	2	15	8	8
Nursling Res	5	2	0	3	8	12	6
Hythe Aztecs	3	1	1	1	7	6	4
Durley Res	5	1	1	3	5	16	4
White Horse	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Michelmersh & T Res	6	0	1	5	4	23	1
Burridge AFC	6	0	0	6	6	30	0
JUNIOR 1							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Langley Manor	6	3	2	1	18	16	11
Q K Soton A	4	3	0	1	12	12	9
Veracity Vipers	3	2	1	0	12	4	7
Solent Saints	3	2	0	1	8	4	6
Riverside	4	1	2	1	11	8	5
Forest Tn Res	4	1	1	2	12	14	4
Compton	3	0	2	1	3	7	2
AFC Grains	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
Braishfield	5	0	1	4	6	16	1
JUNIOR 2							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Harefield	5	5	0	0	26	7	15
Compton Res	5	4	1	0	11	5	13
Chamberlayne Ath	5	3	0	2	16	9	9
Hamble Utd	4	2	1	1	16	5	7
Questmap Res	5	2	1	2	16	16	7
London Airways	5	2	0	3	9	12	6
West Totton	4	1	0	3	6	9	3
Inmar	4	1	0	3	6	20	3
FC Wellington	3	0	1	2	6	9	1
Otterbourne A	4	0	0	4	2	22	0
JUNIOR 3							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Warsash Wasps	5	4	1	0	15	7	13
Bitterne	7	3	3	1	28	15	12
Stanton	4	2	1	1	14	9	7
AFC Gulf Western	2	2	0	0	8	1	6
Infinity Res	4	2	0	2	10	5	6
Wellow	5	2	0	3	11	13	6
Lyndhurst Res	5	2	0	3	8	13	6
AFC Gordons	3	1	0	2	2	8	3
Bricklayers AFC	3	0	1	2	4	16	1
Capital	4	0	0	4	4	17	0
JUNIOR 4							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Chandlers Ford	4	4	0	0	20	4	12
Priory Rovers	6	3	2	1	24	10	11
Cricketers Eastgh	5	2	1	2	13	14	7
Horton Heath	5	2	1	2	18	20	7
Botley Village	3	1	1	1	12	8	4
S G Sports	3	1	1	1	11	13	4
Good Companions	4	1	1	2	12	18	4
New Forest	4	1	1	2	6	15	4
Applewood Joinery	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
Harefield Res	4	0	0	4	7	20	0
JUNIOR 5							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Phoenix XI	5	5	0	0	20	7	15
Botley Village Res	4	3	1	0	21	3	10
FC Wellington Res	5	3	0	2	12	10	9
Athletico Romsey	6	2	1	3	9	12	7
Sporting Wessex	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
Rover	6	2	0	4	18	28	6
Upham Res	5	1	1	3	15	14	4
New Forest Res	5	1	1	3	8	18	4
Hamble Utd Res	5	1	0	4	16	29	3
JUNIOR 6							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bishops Walthm Dyn	4	4	0	0	20	6	12
South Coast Sports	6	3	1	2	24	16	10
AFC Station	4	3	1	0	11	4	10
BTC Soton A	6	2	1	3	11	23	7
Mitre	4	2	0	2	12	12	6
Burridge Village	5	1	2	2	17	13	5
Braishfield Res	4	1	2	1	15	14	5
AFC Stoneham A	4	1	1	2	10	14	4
Michelmersh & T A	5	0	1	4	7	20	1
VETERANS A							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colden Common Vets	4	3	1	0	19	6	10
Nursling Vets	2	2	0	0	7	4	6
BTC Soton Vets A	1	1	0	0	1	1	3
Q K Soton Vets	4	1	0	3	9	16	3
Redlynch & W Vets	4	1	0	3	8	16	3
Sporting BTC Vet A	2	0	1	1	4	8	1
GE Aviation Vets A	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
VETERANS B							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
R S Winchester Vet	4	2	2	0	12	8	8
Baddesley Park Vet	4	2	1	1	10	9	7
Hedge End Rang Vet	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
G E Aviation Vet B	4	1	3	0	8	6	6
Hythe Aztec Vets	1	1	0	0	8	0	3
Norrend Utd Vets	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Compton Vets	4	0	0	4	7	13	0
Sporting BTC Vet B	3	0	0	3	3	15	0
VETERANS C							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Langley Manor Vets	3	3	0	0	21	4	9
Langley Tavern Vet	2	2	0	0	10	0	6
AFC Stoneham Vets	4	2	2	0	13	13	6
Royal Mail Vets	3	3	1	1	8	8	4
Woolston Vets	3	1	1	1	8	8	4
Priory Rover Vets	4	1	1	2	11	16	4
Michelmersh & T Vet	3	1	0	2	4	7	3
Sholing Vets	1	0	0	1	0	6	0
Redbridge OB Vets	3	0	0	3	3	12	0

East's the late hero

HAYWARD BOURNEMOUTH SUNDAY LEAGUE

EAST Christchurch SSC are three points adrift of Premier League leaders Branksome Railway with a game in hand after Mitch East's last gasp winner gave them a 2-1 win against Christchurch Royals.

Darren Orchard was the other scorer after Royals had led through David Bratt.

At the other end of the table, Priory Quays lost again when Bill Stride settled the issue 1-0 for Foresters Arms.

Verwood SSC are four points clear at the top of Division 1 after just getting the better of Creekmoor Lions.

Verwood led 4-1 through Shaun Steer (2), Matt Wesby, and Chris Wright, but there was a tense finish after Lions pegged them back to 4-3 thanks to Danny Nash, Paul Harding, and Martin Haskell.

New Star United move up to second place after their 7-3 triumph over Bournemouth Athletic thanks to Terry Colbourne (2), Joe Moody (2), Jack Holland, Elliot Ward, and an own goal.

Parley Sports spanked Kavell 6-2 courtesy of Matt Newbery's hat-trick and further goals from Martin Thompson, Dave Lask, and Gavin Vines.

Vally good

JAMES Vallery struck twice for hundred per cent Division 2 leaders Redhill, but they had to settle for a point when Rob Scadding and Michael Power earned Magdon Scaffolding a 2-2 draw.

Nearest rivals Queens Park Rovers Reserves went down 4-2 to goals from John Hanna, James Bartholemew, Sam Cole, and Adam Dawes against Tiegla Tiles.

KC Transport take over in second place after their 5-1 victory over Fernside thanks to Gary Williams (3), Tim Porter and Glenn Bowen.

Ruined

TOM Pepper netted for Division 3 pacesetters Hollies but their perfect record was ruined when Corfe Mullen United toppled them 2-1 thanks to Nathan Dixon's double.

AFC Ringwood go second after Sean Leadbetter (2), Rob Corlett and Charlie Heggan gave them a 4-2 win against Bournemouth Sports Mercury.

Oakdale Con had an 8-3 victory over Fairmile thanks to Adam Makin (2), Clay Pawlowski (2), Matt Payne, Luke Hughes, Robbie Cook, and an own goal.

Con trick

PAUL Conroy led the way with a hat-trick when Kings Arms Wallisdown maintained their four point lead at the top of Division 4 by hammering Magpies 9-0 with Luke McArdle (2), Ross Grimes (2), Mark Carrigan, and Ashley Welch also on target.

Nearest rivals Funky Peach still have maximum points after John Turle (2) and Dan Pidgley accounted for Townsend Spartans 3-1.

At the other end of the table, Strouden Sports lost again when

City of Southampton Sunday League spotlight ...

Elder goes nap as Bridge hit top form

HAT-TRICK HERO: Harry Wheeler, left, struc three goals as Bridge thrashed Coopervision in the first round of the Southampton Junior A Sunday Cup.



ROB Elder was on fire in the Southampton Divisional Junior A Cup first round.

He fired five goals as Bridge AFC crushed Coopervision 12-1.

Also on the scoresheet for Bridge were hat-trick heroes Harry Wheeler and Toby Withey and Wayne O'Dell.

Bishop Blaize were also comfortable winners, 5-2 over Holbury United courtesy of a Craig Vincent double, Connal Dyke, Jamie Salvi and an own goal.

Landguard Rovers also made it

through with a 4-2 victory over AFC Riverside (Sunday) with Mike Collins and Luke Living netting the consolations.

● Windmill proved not to be a big fan of extra time as their FA Carlsberg Sunday Cup hopes were blown off course by an extra-time romp from Knighton Arms.

The first round clash saw the scores still deadlocked at the end of normal time, meaning an extra half hour to be played.

After fighting so hard though Windmill collapsed to a 4-0 defeat. Shane Flocks was the chief

destroyer with two goals with Luke Watts and Rory Williams also chipping in.

Lyndhurst & NH had a slightly less heartbreaking exit from their Southampton Divisional Senior Cup quarter-final with City Central.

That game was goalless at half time before Central took charge with strikes from Sanchez McLean, Isaac McLean and Daniel Mason making it 3-0.

KRL join Central in the semi-finals after a 3-1 victory over Old Mill.

Matty Gray (2) and Craig Swain cancelled out Ben Bolton's effort.

Hick, Hick hooray!

OBELISK made it through to the second round of the Southampton Divisional Junior B Cup with a 3-1 win over Boyatt Wood Wanderers.

Ross Hickman (2) and Anthony Rouse ensured Chris Purchase's goal didn't affect their passage.

Hat-tricks from Josh Laney and Mike Knott, and a goal from Brad Taylor, meant Cherborug Reserves romped to a 7-2 victory over AFC Marchwood (George Minnards and Jack Mulroy).

Crofton Saints were 7-0 victors against Testwood Tornadoes courtesy of a Nick Jackson treble and strikes from Lee Anthony, Sam Floyd, David Hutchins and Tim Clark.

A Phil Bunting own goal gave Durley a closely fought 1-0 win over AFC Bishopstoke while only a James Scott brace separated Hedge End Rangers and Burridge AFC.

JSC were more convincing winners, defeating Netley RBL 5-1 with Kane Harris (2), Jack Marshall, Gavin Norris and George Haynes cancelling out Mark Dixon's effort.

Sky Blue smashed AV Chivas 11-1. Josh Hawkins (3), Bradley Snelling (2), Ashley Leach (2), Mark Moorman (2) and Matt Carr (2) did the damage with Jon Andrews bagging the solitary reply.

Dan's at the double

THERE were only two City of Southampton Sunday League games, but no shortage of goals.

In the senior division there was a cracking 4-3 win for Old House at Home against Bedes Lea 97, Dan Tiroke (2), David Mason and Jim Pearce edging out Ed Williams (2) and Simon Kew.

In Junior Division 3 a Josh Bench hat-trick and goals from Tom Bower, Jake Purdom and Sam Vidler gave Regents Park a 7-3 win over Sherfield English who replied through Philip Lee, Dave Hatch and Joe Cook but still lost.

Hampshire FA Cup draws for November ... Hampshire FA Cup draws for November ...

Hampshire FA Saturday Intermediate Cup 2nd rd (Nov 3): Wymering v Fareham Town Reserves, Oakfield v Cowes Sports Reserves, Durlay Reserves v Fleet Town Reserves, United Services Portsmouth Reserves v Brading Town, Bournemouth Sports v Blackfield & Langley Reserves, Baffins Milton Rovers v Michelmersh & Timbury, Richmond Park Con Club v AFC Stoneham Reserves, Sway v Headley United, Locksheath v Portcastran, Yateley Green Reserves v Southampton University, Fawley Reserves v Bush Hill, Newport (IOW) Reserves v BTC (Southampton), Yateley Green v White Star Wombles, Ringwood Town Reserves v Hythe & Dibden Reserves, Four Marks v New Milton Town Reserves, GE Hamble Reserves v Hythe Aztecs, Broughton v Fleetlands, Liss Athletic v Old Famborians, Netley Central Sports v Burridge AFC, Horndean Reserves v

AFC Stoneham, West Wight v Firmley Select, Tadley Calvea Reserves v Sholing Reserves, Nursling v Team Solent Reserves, Mudeford Mens v Comrades, Upham v Hayling United Reserves, Hedge End Rangers v Pan Sports, University of Portsmouth Community v Northwood St Johns, Infinity v East Cowes Victoria Athletic Res, Lyndhurst v Meon United, Andover Lions v AFC Totton Reserves, Overton United v Colden Common.

Hampshire FA Saturday Junior A Cup 2nd rd (Nov 3): Osborne Coburg Reserves v Headley United Reserves, Harefield v Langley Manor, Westover



Bournemouth Reserves v Welly Old Boys, Solent Saints v West Totton, Brading Town Reserves v Andover Lions Reserves, Chineham Albion v Mudeford Mens Res, Riverside v Bournemouth Electric, Capital v A B C United, AFC Gulf Western v AFC Grains, Lyndhurst Reserves v Hartley Wintney, North Wimbrough v Sparten, Sway Reserves v South Worston Swifts, Compton v Binstead & Cob Reserves, Chamberlayne Athletic v Carberry, Old Oakmeadians Reserves v Old Basing Rangers, Sherfield v Sandown Reserves, Tadley Calvea v Northwood St Johns Reserves, Heriart Sports v Courtmoor, FC Censov MFC Popley, Hamble United v Shanklin Reserves, Burghclere v Tron, Warsash Wasps v AFC Ventora, Horndean

Hawks v Wellow, Hook v West Wight Reserves, Whitecroft & Barton Sports v Queens Park Athletic Reserves, Vectis Nomads v West Meon & Warrford, Andover New Street Swifts v Sandhurst Sports, Carisbrooke United v Wey Valley, Sutton Scotney v Yarmouth & Calbourne, AFC Burton v Bramley United, Binstead & Cob v Briststone.

Hampshire FA Saturday Junior B Cup 2nd rd (Nov 3): Yateley A v Seabournes, Basingstoke Athletic v SG Sports, Ropley v Applewood Joinery, Lee Rangers v Four Marks Reserves, Pig & Whistle v Chandlers Ford, AFC Bournemouth CST v Botley Village, Richmond Park Con Club Reserves v Mitre, Shanklin A v AFC Wootton, Newport (IOW) A v Basingstoke Labour, Lindford v Tron Reserves, Botley Village Res v

AFC Station, Upham Reserves v Burley, Segensworth v Bishops Waltham Dynamos, Magpies v Sherborne St Johns Reserves, Niton Reserves v Priory Rovers, Headley United Academy v Holmwood Athletic.

Hampshire FA Saturday Veterans Cup 2nd rd (Nov 3): Bishops Waltham Dynamos v Hamble Club, Langley Tavern v Sporting BTC, OK Southampton v AFC Stoneham, BTC (Southampton) v Nursling, BTC (Southampton) Reserves v Badesley Park, Redlynch & Woodfalls v GE Aviation, Wildern Old Boys v Colden Common, Hythe Aztecs v Compton.

Hampshire FA Sunday Senior Cup 2nd rd (Nov 4): AFC Southsea v Totton Cosmos, East

City of Southampton Youth League spotlight

Things are hotting up in under-16s

THINGS are hotting-up in Division 1 of the City of Southampton's under-16 league.

Eastleigh retain first-place with a 100 per cent record, despite being without a game last weekend.

Sholing are in second place and won 2-1 against Winchester City White 2-1.

Winchester Red gained welcome points against strugglers Bitterne, winning 3-0.

Blackfield and Langley missed the chance to overtake the inactive leaders, Alderbury, losing 4-3 at home to Colden Common Rangers.

Rangers have games in hand and will undoubtedly be there or thereabouts when the title race reaches its climax.

Warsash Wasps enhanced their chances in fine style, beating St Francis Knights 6-2. St Denys went close to earning their first point, but lost 4-3 at Wyvern Dragons, and Romsey Town Panthers won their mid-table battle with visitors Littleton Juniors 3-1.

Winsor United are still slightly ahead of nearest challengers Totton and Eling after both sides won again, maintaining their 100 per cent records.

Winsor won 4-1 at Pirelli Pirates and Totton beat Wyvern 4-2.

Totton went ahead after 11 minutes when Cory Curtis' mazy run took him past the defence before scoring.

After Wyvern had levelled, Totton were awarded a penalty on the stroke of half-time after Aaron Heskins was fouled.

Cory Curtis duly grabbed his second of the game. Curtis rattled the bar on 62 minutes before the ball broke to Bradley Dolton who fired home from 25 yards two minutes later.

Two minutes later, Curtis completed his hat-trick after being put through on goal by Kieran Hine.

Wyvern managed to get one back before the end.

Fawley drew 1-1 at home to Alresford Town and Netley Royals are looking lively in third place, winning 7-4 at home to Hedge End Rangers.

Astro Blues drew 5-5 in a highly entertaining affair against Romsey Cougars.

Marshall gives Sway point

IN Division 1 of the City of Southampton Youth League, goalline technology would have been of benefit at Jubilee Field.

Sway's Dan Marshall saw his far-post header adjudged to have crossed the line to salvage his side a point against S & D from a game they had dominated for long periods, writes **ALAN JOHNS**.

Robbie Smart had not been so fortunate on 20 minutes when his close-range header was ruled out by the linesman, indicating the ball had not gone over the line.

The disallowed goal would have been just reward for Sway's early endeavours as they moved the ball well through midfield with the excellent George Edwards and Jesse Gould raining in crosses.

Gould was unlucky to see his thunderous goal-bound strike crash off a defender and David Steadman's shot from range just

cleared the bar.

Breno Lucas joined Smart up front and linked well with midfield to create further chances.

But no matter how hard Sway pressed, S & D's keeper wasn't called upon to make any saves of significance.

The lack of a cutting edge cost Sway dearly when a rare S & D foray up-field earned them a corner which Laurie Symons failed to claim cleanly and his side fell behind.

Ten minutes into the second half, S & D struck again when a long ball evaded Sway's centre-halves.

The goal stood, despite a linesman's offside flag being over-ruled, leaving Sway with a real battle.

The visitors remained organised behind the ball as they attempted to protect their lead but Sway's tactical move to a three-man defence released Sam Roberts into midfield

and allowed Steadman to join the attack.

The switch paid dividends as the pace and frequency of Sway's attacks quickened, eventually resulting in a penalty when Tom Murray was barged over chasing a loose ball.

Man-of-the-match Gould stepped up to fire home the spot-kick and provide Sway with a lifeline.

As Sway continued to pour forward, Matt Hillyar, Danny Eynon and Campbell Lloyd-Barnes all shot wide, Lucas struck a fine volley just over and Steadman hit the bar with a header.

However, the pressure finally told, Marshall rising highest to head a corner just over the line.

Other results

Division 2: AFC Hiltigbury 4 BTC (Southampton) Athletic 1, Bitterne 2 Michelmersh and Timsbury 4, AFC Stoneham 2 Botley Village Dynamos 0. **Division 3:** Blackfield and Langley 4 Netley Royals 0, New Forest 4 Brockehurst 1.



BATTLING AWAY: Action from Barton Peveril's (green) colleges match against Queen Mary's this week. Turn to page 33.

Tom hits a hat-tRick!

HAYWARD BOURNEMOUTH SUNDAY LEAGUE

DOMINIC Taylor netted for second placed Tuakana but their hopes of going top of Division 5 were dashed when Musciffe ambushed them 7-1 courtesy of Tom Rickman's hat-trick and further goals from Brad Aspin (2), Elliott Shepherd-Gonzales, and Sam May.

Matt Cowdrill and Stuart Morris plundered four each and John Bailey added a hat-trick when Victoria Park Royals gave Poole Borough a 15-2 trouncing.

Leroy Goldney-Sidney (2), Kieron Davitt, and Valdon Hajrizaj completed the rout.

Richie Rollo, Barry Campbell, Richard King, and Sean Lewis gave Boscombe Celtic their first win of the season 4-2 against AFC Ferndown.

First loss

GEORGE Moraitis (2) and Johnny Hall netted for White Heather Hornets, but they suffered their first defeat in Division 6 and were nudged out of second place by Bournemouth Electric Reserves who shaded it 4-3 with goals from James Standish, Dan Baguley, Joe Kittle, and Charlie May.

Lewis Waters struck for Ensbury Park Rangers but their perfect record was ruined when New Milton Borough surprised them 2-1 with goals from James Brennan and Adam Dale to register their first points.

Ace Adam

ADAM Beattie (2), Dave Coy, Chris Roberts, and Ollie Hand gave second placed Cranborne a 5-3 success against Ferndown Forest in Division 7.

AFC Dean Park's unbeaten run came to an abrupt halt when James & James beat them 4-0 with goals from Ollie Payne (2), Alf Alkushi, and Ben Conway.

Still 100%

TWO Division 8 teams with maximum points went head to head and A & T Athletic Reserves continue to rule the roost after Shane Barney and Liam Holland gave them the edge 2-1 against AFC Cleaning.

West Howe are up to fourth place after Jake Kemp (2), Ben Small, and Benji King put paid to JP Morgan 4-3.

Sandy Wells and Frankie Gamble both notched hat-tricks in ECP's 8-2 thumping of Sports Cuts, Simon Whitbread and Matt Ireland adding one each.

Great Gala

HUNDRED per cent Gala lead Division 9 on goal difference after Alex Hall (2) and Jesse Hodgson beat Kings Arms Athletic 3-0.

West Mullen Reserves go second after their 4-1 victory over Tower Park with goals from Adam Pidgeley (2), David Yeats, and Tom Price.

West Howe Reserves move into third place after Ellis George (2), David Dominey and Jordan Hamerston ensured a 4-3 win over Fordingbridge Turks Reserves.

Christchurch SSC v Westwood Old Boys, Queens Park v Shoulder of Mutton United, Knighton Arms v Druids Arms, Co-Op Dragons v Christchurch Royals, AFC Peawit v Foresters Arms (Brockenhurst), Totton Town v Priory Quays, Chamberlayne Athletic v City Central.

Hampshire FA Sunday Intermediate Cup 2nd rd (Nov 4)

Sholing Celtic v Young Boys, Kavel v North Wamborough, FC Exchange v C I, AFC Hawley v Barton Stacey, Crown & Anchor v Lyndhurst & NH, Rushmoor Sunday v S & D, Fox v AFC Portchester, Vienna Windows v Spartans, N K Dons v Park Academics, Hi Speed v Freehouse, Bedes Lea 97 v Bournemouth Electric, Sporting Boyatt v F I L, O, FC Start v Thruxton, FC Chute Athletic v Creekmoor Lions, Overton United v

Waterlooville Social Club, Folly v Alan & Wright, Icom v Severnocks, Bournemouth Athletic v Pickwick United, Hurstbourne

Tarrant RBL v Kaiser Wessex, AC Marston v Dynamo Cove, Pharmasol Appleshaw Sports v Heroes, Red Lion (Aldershot) v Winstan Hotel, Milton Rovers v Sparta City, Baffins Milton v Republic Of Chichester, Chess v Wheelwrights Arms, Linden Tree v Lord Raglan, Lovitt v West Farnborough, Lotus Press v FC Chute Sports, Mother Shipton v AS Phoenix, Robin Hood Rovers v Cowplain United, Old House at Home (Southampton) v Clatford Arms, Anton Arms v AFC Wolverdene.

Hampshire FA Sunday Junior A Cup 2nd rd (Nov 4)

Woodmill v Sandrock, FC Toronto v Hayling Top Dogs, ove Travel v Eastrop Eagles, Tradesmans Arms v AFC Burns Lettings, Hordean XI v High Park Tavern, River Bowl v South Winstan Swiffs, Roll Call v Roll Call Reserves, Fairway Sports v Heatherlands, Chartwell Green v Meonstoke, AFC Hook v Chichester Athletic, Dunham Bush v Fareham Park Rangers, Fairmile Sports v Manor Old Boys, Magdon Scaffolding v Maracealy Shots, Test Valley Lions v Chichester, AFC Burton v AFC Southampton, Dukes Head Sandhurst v Hollies, Foresters AFC v S R, Weybourne v Portsmouth Royals, Warsash Village v Wickham Dynamos,

Whiteley v Common Sports, Sirlin Of Beef v Lapstone, Elm Tree RBA v Cricketers Arms (Fair Oak), C J Glass v Hartley Sunday, Castle United v Locksheath WMC, York Road v Otter Sunday, AC Copnor v Crookham Rovers, Landyards v AFC Ringwood, Farlington Academicals v Newcombe Arms Blues, AFC Fareham v Lee Community Centre, Ghost v Affinion International, Whitenap v Bridge AFC, Swan (Havant) v WPM.

Hampshire FA Sunday Junior B Cup 2nd rd (Nov 4)

AFC Marchwood v AFC Swood, Landguard Rovers v Bournemouth Borough, Darby Green and Potley v Heathfield Royals, Yateley Green v Camberley Cougars, Forest View v Stroudon Sports, Alresford Athletic v Castle United, New Milton Borough v North Wamborough Res,

Castle (Meon Valley) v Nelson, Glencoe v Royale Marine, Eastpoint v Hordean United, Regents Park v SDC, Burghclere v FC Boca Reserves, Parkway Athletic v Owslebury, Kings Arms (Wallisdown) v Cove Manor Res, Ace v Blackwater Badgers, Fareham United v Boscombe Celtic, Sattum Royale v Wey Valley, Durlay v White Hart (Basingstoke), AFC Portchester v FCT United, AFC Portsdown v Locksheath, Hordean XI Reserves v Baffins Milton Reserves, Magpies v Castle Cit, Solent v Portsmouth United, Traco Athletic v AFC Stoneham, Bournemouth Electric Reserves v Milton Rovers Reserves, Cove Manor v AV Chivas, R S Ocean Village v Rotherwick, Watersedge Under 60's v AFC Horns, Victoria Park Royals v Monks, Townsend Spartans v AFC Riverside, AFC Wolverdene Reserves v Cove Athletic, Mould Tools v Balito 2011.

Youth Football

WINCHESTER & DISTRICT GIRLS' FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Under-17 Division

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
ANDOVER NEW STREET	2	2	0	0	3	6
SHERBORNE ST JOHN	2	1	1	0	11	4
OAKLEY U17	2	1	1	0	1	4
WIN CITY FLYERS	3	1	0	2	-1	3
WOLVERDENE	2	0	0	2	-3	0
HEDGE END RANGERS	1	0	0	1	-11	0

Cardington League (U16/17)

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
SOTON SAINTS U16/17	4	4	0	0	38	12
WIDBROOK LADIES U17	4	2	1	1	-5	7
PORTSMOUTH LADIES	4	1	0	3	-7	3
WIN CITY FLYERS U16/17	4	1	0	3	-13	3
ISLE OF WIGHT U17	2	0	1	1	-13	1

Under-13/14

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
WIN CITY FLYERS RED	4	3	1	0	16	10
PORTSMOUTH UNI U13	5	3	0	2	6	9
BISHOPS WALTHAM U13	4	3	0	1	0	9
WIN CITY FLYERS BLK	4	2	1	1	5	7
AFC PORCHESTER	2	2	0	0	22	6
W WASPS YELLOW	5	2	0	3	-1	6
W WASPS BLACK	3	2	0	1	-2	6
HEDGE END	3	1	2	0	5	5
SOUTHAMPTON SAINTS	2	1	1	0	5	4
ST. FRANCIS	5	0	1	4	-13	1
WORTHIES	4	0	1	3	-16	1
ALRESFORD	5	0	1	4	-27	1

Under-12

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
ST FRANCIS RANGERS	5	5	0	0	22	15
CROOKHAM ROVERS	4	4	0	0	16	12
WIN CITY FLYERS	4	3	0	1	12	9
CROFTON SAINTS	4	2	0	2	11	6
WIDBROOK	3	2	0	1	2	6
WARSASH WASPS	5	1	1	3	-11	4
BISHOPS WALTHAM	4	1	0	3	-6	3
WINKLEBURY	4	0	1	3	-19	1
AFC PORCHESTER	5	0	0	5	-27	0

Under-11

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
WIN CITY FLYERS	4	4	0	0	13	12
SOUTHAMPTON SAINTS	3	3	0	0	39	9
PORTSMOUTH UNI	3	3	0	0	21	9
WYVERN STARS	4	2	0	2	1	6
WIDBROOK LADIES	5	2	0	3	-6	6
CLANFIELD	4	1	0	3	-6	3
WARSASH WASPS	4	0	0	4	-18	0
ST FRANCIS ROVERS	3	0	0	3	-44	0

King in command as Saints enjoy home rule

Southampton Saints U11 2 Widbrook United 0

AFTER five minutes, striker Jennifer King was put through down the left wing following a great clearance by Emily Gook.

After a good touch, King crossed for in-form Charlotte Newman to open the scoring.

For Southampton, Beth Maxwell and Lisa Gilham worked hard down the wings and gave King and Newman plenty to feed off.

Kia Anteney was put through on goal by Layla White but was denied by a fantastic save.

Showing predatory instincts, Jennifer King caught a defender napping and increased Saints' lead.

After half-time, Saints kept up the pressure and Gook and Sian continued to keep possession at the back.

Chances also fell to Simge Rosz, Gilham and Anteney but between the woodwork and the Widbrook goalie they were unable to add to their first

half tally.

Emily Gook was awarded Saints girl of the game award.

Elsewhere, Wyvern Stars continued to win, this time 1-0 against Clanfield.

Warsash Wasps claimed their first league victory of the season at St Francis Rovers. Kate Pakes (2), Jade Edwards, Kirsty Few and Jaime Rowlands gave them a 5-0 victory.

HOW THEY STAND
P W D L GD Pts

Soton Saints	4	4	0	0	41	12
Winch Flyers	4	4	0	0	13	12
Pompey Uni	3	3	0	0	21	9
Wyvern Stars	5	3	0	2	2	9
Widbrook	6	2	0	4	-8	6
Clanfield	5	1	0	4	-7	3
Warsash	5	1	0	4	-13	3
St Francis Rov	4	0	0	4	-49	0

Southampton Saints U10s 7 Widbrook United 2

The newly-formed mini Saints U10s was the only game played in the U10 friendly league due to bad weather.

Robyn takes chance to shine

SOUTHAMPTON Saints Ladies are through to the second round of the Hampshire Women's Challenge Cup after a 2-0 home win over Shanklin Ladies at Test Park.

But the hosts were given a bit of a scare along the way and were made to dig deep for the victory.

Following a good performance the previous week against South West Combination table toppers Oxford City, Saints' Robyn McGregor-Ritchie was handed a start and took full advantage of it.

McGregor-Ritchie put in a woman of the match performance – showing good composure and passing.

Shanklin also played some really pleasing football. Passing the ball well and showing good movement across the park, they had the better of the possession in the first half.

Despite their dominance, though, they didn't threaten the Saints goal and keeper Hannah Haughton spent most of the fixture watching the match unfold.

After the interval, the home side took a stronger foothold in the game.

Making her Saints comeback following injury, Midge Browning made a decent return to form.

Building on their now increased possession, Saints took the lead following a wonder strike from the edge of the Shanklin area 18-yard area by Jenni Duffy.

The lead was doubled when Lucy Harper skilfully brought the ball



ALL SMILES: Southampton Saints' under-13 girls side.

down in the box and coolly slotted in.

Elsewhere in the Hampshire Cup, there were victories for Portsmouth University and walkovers awarded to Winchester City Flyers, Southampton Women and Fleet Town Ladies.

Southampton Saints U13 5 Worthy's U13 0

Saints' U13 girls restarted their

league campaign after a four-week break with victory.

For the first ten minutes they struggled to find their usual passing game that has served them so well.

They were also missing prolific striker Georgia-Rose Mears with an ankle injury.

Saints continued to work hard which eventually paid dividends when some good link-up play

between strikers Leah Brown and new signing Paige Lovland led to Brown scoring.

This seemed to give the Saints the spark they needed and five minutes later hard-working midfielder Lauren Stone set up Brown to add a second.

Saints continued to press with some strong runs from central defender Emily Herding, who was unlucky not to get among the goals due to some solid defending.

Saints resumed their relentless pressure after the restart and were rewarded when Alisha Buckingham's powerful volleyed long range shot made it 3-0.

Brown completed her hat-trick after some good play from defender Rachael Harman.

A neat one-two with the improving Chloe Garrity, who was unlucky not to score herself, allowed Brown to score from close range.

Worthies continued to battle on and Saints keeper Chloe Donaldson had to keep her concentration.

Towards the end Brown this time turned provider, sliding a perfectly weighted through ball for birthday girl Abbie Kill to score the fifth and final goal.

Elsewhere in the Winchester U14 league, AFC Portchester thrashed St Francis 21-1. Katie Finn got a hat-trick for Warsash Wasps Yellow in a 5-1 victory over Alresford. Katie Butler replied. Abigail Woollett (2) and Georgia Hutley netted as Bishops Waltham defeated Winchester City Flyers 3-0.

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HOW THE STAND

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Itchen	5	5	0	0	31	1	15
Totton	5	5	0	0	17	6	15
Peter Symonds	6	4	2	0	25	17	12
Barton Peveril	5	3	1	1	24	14	10
Basingstoke	4	3	0	1	13	8	10
Bournemouth	5	3	2	0	10	12	9
Queen Mary's	5	3	2	0	13	15	9
Poole	5	2	2	1	8	8	7
Farnborough	5	2	3	0	13	10	6
Brockenhurst	5	2	3	0	10	11	6
Havant	5	1	2	2	8	11	5
South Downs	3	1	2	0	5	7	3
Taunton's	3	1	2	0	7	10	3
Soton City	3	0	2	1	5	16	1
Sparsholt	3	0	3	0	2	9	0
Alton	5	0	5	0	7	20	0
Portsmouth	4	0	4	0	4	27	0



ON THE BALL:
Action from
Barton Peveril
(green) v Queen
Mary's, above.

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UP FOR IT:
Action from
Barton Peveril
(green) v Queen
Mary's, left.

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RIGHT: Barton
Peveril scorer
Hassan Zahid
(green).

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With 22 goals in the last four games – and a fair few conceded – Barton Peveril are fast becoming the Hampshire Sixth Form College League's great entertainers.

After slipping up 4-3 against Bournemouth at the beginning of the month, BP thrashed Portsmouth 9-1 and Farnborough 5-4, **writes MIKE VIMPANY.**

More goals followed in the Chestnut Avenue showdown with Queen Mary's – Barton Peveril quickly going 2-0 up, then 3-2 down before running out 5-3 winners.

It looked like a stroll in the park when a deflected shot from Joe Dalton and a sweet left-foot strike by Jack White put BP two-up inside five minutes.

Barton Peveril wasted numerous opportunities to stretch their lead – and duly paid the penalty when the profligate Danny Vallenge pulled one back and then Karim Faouzane, totally unmarked at the far post, levelled it 2-2 by half-time.

It got worse for BP as Luke Yellard fired QMC 3-2 up after the break.

But in a game laced with chances, Hassan Zahid soon restored parity with a third equalising goal for Barton Peveril.

The Eastleigh side pushed on, with Dalton scoring his second and, after David Janes had saved superbly to deny Vallenge, White got a fifth.

But even at 5-3 down Queen Mary's might have saved it – Vallenge squandering three good chances in the last ten minutes to leave the Basingstoke college pondering on what might have been.

A third straight win left BP in fourth spot, two points behind Peter Symonds, who enjoyed a clean sweep in their matches against Taunton's.

PSC beat Taunton's 5-2 at 1st XI level, with Elliott Braund (2), Jack Forder, Jordan Prince, and Nick Courtney on target.

Sam Carr got five of the PSC goals in the 6-0 second team win – Ryan Crockford completed the rout – while Symonds' thirds went one better, hammering Taunton's 7-0 through Declan Foreman (2),

Manraj Birring, Dan Wiseman, Sam Harding, Ed Haslam, and Tristan Courtney.

Itchen, who share top spot with Totton, slipped 12-0, with Ben Wilson and Leone Plummer scoring four each.

Bournemouth won for a third time in five matches, beating Sparsholt 2-1, while Poole Grammar led through Ben Mogg but had to settle for a 1-1 draw against Havant.

Basingstoke continued to go well, with Ryan Lupton scoring all four goals in the 'fortunate' 4-3 win over Alton, for whom Tom Arnot notched a consolation hat-trick.

Pete Barnicoat capped a fine individual performance with two goals in Brockenhurst's 3-1 win over South Downs. Richard Vallis got the other goal.

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A thrilling Bees draw

WHITCHURCH U11 4 BRAISHFIELD BEES U11 4

BEES twice came from behind to share the points with Whitchurch.

Jonny Palmer headed in from a perfect Joe Hill corner to opening the scoring and, after conceding twice, used the same set piece this time with Sam Briggs powering his header past the keeper.

Two quick goals from Whitchurch after the break put Bees on the back foot, but Cam Moody's penalty, awarded after Palmer was felled in the box, and Briggs levelled the scores.

HYTHE STRIKERS U15 0 WELLOW U15 0

PREVIOUSLY undefeated Hythe were held to a 0-0 draw by Wellow.

Mike Olaore and Joe Yandell and good chances for Wellow and, at the other end, Ben Caffyn and Ollie Lambert kept Hythe from mounting any major attacks.

ROMSEY U11 GIRLS 2 ALRESFORD U11 GIRLS 2

ROMSEY picked up their first point of the season with a 2-2 draw with Alresford.

Despite the best efforts of Rosie Hill and Daisy Pimblett, Romsey were a goal down at the break, but Zara Vincent levelled things up just after half-time.

Alresford took the lead again, but Daisy Nelson set up Vincent to fire in a deserved equaliser.

COLDEN COMMON RANGERS U12 0 ROMSEY TOWN PANTHERS U12 7

ROMSEY controlled this match from the outset, with James Hibbard on the right wing opened the scoring with a precise low drive.

The Panthers went 2-0 up through Tim Crossland and Joe Vaughan put the game beyond Common's reach.

Further efforts came from Crossland and Vaughan again and a brace from Nick Riley.

CLARENDON U9 6 BRAISHFIELD U9 2

BRAISHFIELD battled bravely, but were no match for league leaders Clarendon.

Five goals in five minutes mid-way through the first half ended the game as a contest, but Braishfield refused to fold and goals in the second half from Jasper Bates and Matty Hill restored some pride.

ROMSEY TOWN YOUTH U15 5 BTC SOUTHAMPTON U15 1

ROMSEY turned in their best performance of the season to date as they eased past BTC Southampton.

After just five minutes Zac Woods-Deans freed Joseph Land-Jones to make it 1-0 and Romsey never looked back from there.

Land-Jones doubled the hosts' lead before the break and Harvey Goodridge slotted two home early in the second half.

Land-Jones rounded off his hat-trick late on, just before BTC replied.

ROMSEY PANTHERS U16 2 LITTLETON U16 1

ROMSEY Panthers put in their best performance of the season so far to beat Littleton.

They took the lead on 12 minutes, when John Comer scored from close range, but Littleton soon pulled one back.

Fraser Harrison wrapped up the points for Romsey in the second half.

HYTHE STRIKERS U14 1

MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY U14 8
M&T had a convincing win over Hythe, thanks to a storming second half performance.

They took the lead through Jake Britten's volley and made it 2-0 when George Hutchings followed up Joe Bagguley's effort, but Hythe levelled on the stroke of half-time.

In the second period Joe Bagguley's first-time turn and shot put them 3-1 up and opened the floodgates.

Hutchings completed his treble after Jack Corbett had fired one in. Owen Grimes hit number seven and Elliott Hughes got the last.

Youth Football



**GOAL-DEN
MOMENT: Hythe &
Dibden celebrate an
Eastleigh and
District Mini League
goal against Wellow.**
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**LINING UP: Warsash
Wasps Yellow, below
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Youth Football



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LINING UP: Hythe & Dibden Dragons, below right. Order no: 15322159



Harry hits a hat-trick

**AFC HILTINGBURY HAWKS U11 0
ROMSEY TOWN YFC U11 5**

ROMSEY keeper Riley Jones had to be at his best to keep out an early Hawks attack, but once Romsey found their rhythm they never looked back.

Joseph Gardner put Romsey 1-0 up and Harry Ockwell doubled the lead.

Ockwell got hit second before his pass sent Daniel Braybrook speeding through to make it 4-0. With minutes to go, Ockwell completed his hat-trick.

**BARTON STACEY U10 2
BRAISHFIELD U10 2**

THE Bees came through their toughest test so far this season with a battling performance to earn a point.

A deflected effort gave the hosts the lead, but Braishfield levelled through James Bulpitt.

Barton re-took the lead in the second period after a breakaway effort, but James Moody converted a Bees corner with a close range header to make it honours even.

In the second game, the Bees pulled off a stunning victory as they turned around a two goal deficit to win 5-3 with goals from Oliver Brown, Charlie Tubb and Jack "Titch" Richards. Joe Lindsey impressed in midfield.

**ROMSEY TOWN U10 2
STONEHAM U10 1**

ROMSEY overcame a slow start to get a deserved win over Stoneham.

Jo Besant and Daniel Olden combined to put Camren Marsh through to score the first and, though Stoneham pulled one back, a last minute corner saw the ball ricochet into the net off a Stoneham defence.

In Romsey's second game they went down 2-0 to Bashley.

**ROMSEY TOWN COUGARS 5
ASTRO BLUES 5**

ROMSEY Town Cougars had a ten-goal thriller with Astro Blues.

Sam Mansbridge got them off to a flying start, but Astor levelled before James Spiers made it 2-1.

Again Astro pulled one back, but Spiers' lob restored Romsey's lead.

Three quick goals from Astro in the second half looked to have turned the game, but Ben Holdstock's free-kick and Spiers earned their side a draw.

**ROMSEY TOWN PANTHERS U14 4
ST FRANCIS ROVERS 1 U14**

AN under-strength Romsey pulled off a brilliant 4-1 win over St Francis.

Tom George claimed a hat-trick and Spencer Self got one, but the star of the show was Callum Stewart who usually plays between the sticks but put in a solid performance outfield, setting up one goal.

WYVERN U11 2 WELLOW U11 2

ALL the action took place in the second half of this pulsating game.

Sonny Ryan opened the scoring with a strong finish, but Wyvern equalised against the run of play.

Conner Bennett came off the bench for Wellow and promptly scored, finishing off a great move started in defence by Alistair Andrews.

Wyvern netted a late leveller.

**WELLOW WASPS U10 1
OAKWOOD U10 5**

WELLOW were undone by a strong Oakwood side, with Ollie Dovey's goal a mere consolation. In their second game, Wellow beat Hythe Strikers 2-0, Dovey scoring twice.

WELLOW WOLVES U10 3 BRENDON 1
WELLOW came back from a defeat in their first game of the weekend – a 7-2 defeat to Hythe & Dibden Dragons in which Jack Rickman scored both goals – with a 3-1 win over Brendon.

Wellow fought back after falling behind through James Bundy (2) and Logan Harms.

OAKWOOD 2 WELLOW YOUTH 5
WELLOW started strongly with early goals from George Ludlam and Danny Brock. Matthew Shobbrook added a third before the interval, but two goals early in the second half Wellow's nerves jangling.

However, Ludlum completed his hat-trick and secured Wellow the win.

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



Destined to play for Royals

HE MIGHT be a Hampshire Royals star, but had circumstances been different James Vince might have been a footballing Royal.

Vince was a promising player in Reading's youth team before choosing cricket over football.

"I played for Reading for a couple of years till I was 15, but then started playing at Hampshire and football fell away a bit," he says. "I played up front and then centre-half but at that age I was one of the smaller, slower guys which is more of a problem in football than in cricket."

"It got to the point where doing both was too much so I was pointed in the direction of cricket."

Vince, pictured below, has not played football seriously since his school days.

"We don't even play football during warm-ups anymore because we've had a few injuries with the not-so-co-ordinated guys, like David Griffiths, falling over



the ball!" he laughs.

Like Saints fans, Vince is concerned at his club's position in the Premier League table. It is not Reading but another team in blue-and-white-hoops that holds his footballing affections.

"I'm sure I'll fill up a few weekends watching QPR," he says. "My dad grew up there and we used to have a box for a couple of years."

"I'm hoping we won't be down there at the end of the season but it's not looking too good at the minute. On paper we should have enough to stay up but not from what I've seen, we've been fairly poor. Hopefully we can turn it around."

Vince intends to be at Loftus Road for Saints' visit in three weeks' time.

"Adam Lallana comes to watch the cricket sometimes so we've got to know him a little bit and I saw Saints play Man United. They've played all right, but have just thrown away a few good positions."

KNEESY DOES IT AS VINCE EYES LIONS PLACE

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CONSIDERING he has just undergone a double knee operation and supports QPR, James Vince is in very good spirits.

It is a fortnight since Hampshire returned from South Africa following heavy defeats in their Champions League qualifiers against Auckland Aces and Sialkot Stallions.

Since then, Vince has had a double knee arthroscopy to discover the extent of a condition that caused him pain throughout Hampshire's remarkable domestic season.

"I had pain in my knees for 12 months," he reveals. "Nothing would stop me playing and it was especially sore after four-day games when the schedule was busy."

"But nothing was showing up on the scans so they just wanted to have a look inside to see what was going on."

"I can't pronounce the name of the condition [Chondromalacia Patellae] but don't need further surgery. It's caused by soft cartilage in the knee and is just something you're born with."

"It's just unfortunate that my knees are like that. But with a good bit of rest hopefully it will just go away over time and the knees will be OK for the new year."

Vince will be back in the gym on Monday, but is just grateful to be walking again when we met at The Ageas Bowl.

"For the first four or five days after the op I couldn't really move," he says. "I was bed-bound, so it's nice to get on my feet."

"But I've got to take it easy

for the next couple of weeks, doing tedious exercises. It will be another month before I'm running."

Vince's operation means he is unavailable for the England Performance Programme's trip to India next month, but he hopes to be fit enough for the England Lions' tour to Australia in the new year.

"I had a big chat with [ECB lead batting coach] Graham Thorpe before we decided to go ahead with the knee

surgery," he continues.

"He said I was in a group of people being looked at for the pre-Christmas development programme, which I was on last year."

"But he felt it was right to get the knee sorted out now to stop it going on for a couple of years. I don't know if not being involved will jeopardise my A tour chances."

"If I'm not involved I'll look to get some outdoor cricket or work in the nets here. I'm

unsure as to what the winter holds at the moment."

In an ideal world, Vince would still be at the Champions League, which concludes with Sunday's final between Neil McKenzie's Highveld Lions and Michael Lumb's Sydney Sixers (CHECK) in Johannesburg.

Has Vince been able to watch the tournament?

"Bits of it but it's frustrating, especially with the crowds being so much bigger, the IPL

teams playing and the biggest names in cricket being there," he admits.

"It was obviously disappointing that it was only a short-lived experience and we didn't get the chance to show what we can do on the world stage with lots of people watching."

Hampshire were beaten by eight wickets against Auckland and lost the subsequent dead rubber against Sialkot by six wickets.

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



FAN-TASTIC: James Vince celebrates victory in the CB40 final with Hampshire supporters.

Hants ace Neil out to take treble chance

HAMPSHIRE batsman Neil McKenzie will attempt to complete a limited-overs treble in tomorrow's Champions League T20 final.

Having won the Friends Life t20 and Clydesdale Bank 40 double with Hampshire, McKenzie, pictured below, was man-of-the-match for his unbeaten 46, from 28 balls, in the Highveld Lions' semi-final win against Delhi Daredevils.

Now he is preparing to take on a Sydney Sixers side including Michael Lumb following the Aussies' thrilling last-ball win against Titans on Friday night.

Only his teammate Gulam Bodi has scored more than McKenzie's 176 runs in the tournament.

The veteran has found the gaps with regularity, but admits: "If I was a big hitter



it would be a lot more fun, I could block a couple and then hit the ball out of town.

"If I could I would definitely be hitting like Chris Gayle, don't worry! But my strike rate's up and I have a role in the side.

"We've got a nice balance at the moment, you can't have a team full of hitters or a team full of deflectors."

McKenzie's Test career is long gone but he has proved that Twenty20 is not necessarily a young man's game, with Hampshire as well as the Lions.

"It's a great format," he continued. "Test cricket's still up there, especially for myself at my age getting towards my end days.

"It frees up a few shots and it really helps when you're winning. We've tended to do quite well in the format over the last couple of years."

The CLt20 final will be played at the Wanderers, Johannesburg, on Sunday afternoon.

consistently well for a number of years and has been the leading wicket-taker on a couple of Lions tours.

"He was unlucky not to play earlier in hindsight and will be part of England's future plans for many years.

"I've been pleased with the start to my career but need to be pushing for regular England Lions places. If I can perform well there, England's my main goal.

"It's a long way away but I'm aiming towards a good couple of years in all forms."

Vince does not need reminding of the contrast between his limited-overs and LV County Championship form. He enjoyed his most prolific List A season yet this year, scoring 533 runs at 59 as Hampshire won the CB40. But he still has a career average of less than 30 in the Championship after a disappointing return of 545 runs at 30.3.

"I prefer the one-day format slightly because I've been more successful at it, but I enjoy playing all forms," he says. "Four-day cricket is something I'm still learning and want to get better at.

"I want to be performing well in all forms."

Encouragingly, Vince will be studying a DVD of his only Championship century of the season, made in the final game at Derby, during his rehab.

But how do you follow last season, one in which Hampshire won the Friends Life t20 and Clydesdale Bank 40 trophies on unforgettable days at Cardiff and Lord's.

"It was a special achievement from everyone," recalls Vince. "If we were able to get promoted in the four-day stuff as well that would have been unbelievable but winning two trophies was an exceptional effort.

"And now we know more about what division two cricket's about hopefully we can get promoted next year.

"We were in the running in all three competitions this year but just couldn't quite keep it going in the Championship."

"We were struck a bit by conditions," says Vince, who made 11 and 18 in the respective defeats. "We knew South Africa pitches generally have more pace and bounce in them and because it was early-season out there that was even more the case.

"We only had one warm-up game and a couple of practice sessions and didn't adapt quickly enough. Auckland had been out there a couple of weeks and I

think that showed.

"We fell short on the day and unfortunately the toss was a big factor, which wasn't ideal. Hopefully we'll get another chance in the future."

No county will be at the Champions League for at least the next two years, due to it clashing with the domestic schedule.

"It's a shame because it's a taste of the next level and something every county wants to be involved in,"

Vince continued. "We were looked after brilliantly and it's a shame it can't be worked out."

Hampshire's exit at the first hurdle did at least mean the players could attend Danny Briggs' wedding, which took place in Taunton two weeks ago, 48 hours after their return.

"In a way it would have been nice not to have been there because it would have meant we had got through,

but the fact we were knocked out and were able to get down there brought some smiles back," says Vince, who also played with Briggs for several years at age-group level.

"I had my operation the next day so couldn't enjoy it as much as some of the others but it was a good day."

One day, Vince hopes to play alongside Briggs for England.

"Danny's been performing

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"It's not something that we've worked on a lot. We're just used to a back four. But the manager likes it and if we want to do well with it then we'll have to work harder on it. It's a hard system and I think the players prefer a 4-4-2 but he's the manager and we'll do what he says" – Manchester City defender Micah Richards reveals the players were uncomfortable with the 3-5-2 system which Roberto Mancini switched to early in the second half of their 3-1 Champions League defeat at Ajax.

"On the issue of Kick It Out, we would like to go on record to say what fantastic work they have done in the past regarding education and awareness. However, times change and organisations need to change with them. We are more than happy to join the discussion, privately, to make Kick It Out more relevant in its fight to stamp out racism in football. Although we have been left disappointed by the PFA and the FA's actions over the last year, as a family, we are committed to working with football's existing organisations towards the betterment of the game and to achieve immediate action" – In a joint statement, Rio and Anton Ferdinand explain their unhappiness with the way the battle against racism has been fought, but willingness to work with the game's governing bodies.

"I loved playing cricket but we used to break for sandwiches. In boxing, you go into your corner and you have a minute between rounds. I'm having my eyes opened to what boxers go through, the sacrifices and dedication you have to have – which possibly weren't always put in the same category with me in my cricket career" – former England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff reflects on his dramatic career change.



SIR ALEX FERGUSON

"Having the ball is key and getting it back is key. At the moment we have a front-door key and a back-door key" – Barnsley manager Keith Hill after his side's 1-0 win at Carlisle.

"After the interval we lost the ball a lot. When we should have gone forwards we passed backwards and when we should have gone back we passed it to no-one" – Wolves boss Stale Solbakken offers a succinct assessment of his side's failings as they squandered a lead to draw with Bolton.

"It's not fair on me having to answer these questions. If you've done something, confess. That anyone can damage the sport I love right now, it's frustrating" – Mark Cavendish believes Lance Armstrong should come clean to doping.

"We've got the jolly green giants coming to play against us... The biggest team in Europe" – Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson previews last weekend's visit of Stoke.

"It makes no difference to me. Sticks and stones will break your bones but words will never hurt you" – Stoke boss Tony Pulis reacts to Sir Alex Ferguson's description of his side as 'jolly green giants'.

2012 Great South Run preview ...

JO OUT TO KEEP BEST

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OLYMPIC medallists Tariku Bekele and Abel Kirui will lead the overseas visitors for the Bupa Great South Run on Sunday, but a head-to-head confrontation between four top British women led by Jo Pavey looks likely to overshadow their high-profile appearances.

Bekele and Kirui, both 2012 Olympic medallists, are the main contenders for the men's title at the IAAF Gold Label event in Portsmouth.

Apart from Mo Farah's victory three years ago, the Bupa Great South Run has been dominated by African runners since German Stéphane Franke claimed his 1998 success.

The sequence is likely to continue again this weekend with Kirui, 2012 Olympic marathon silver medalist, holding the benefit of course knowledge after achieving his personal best of 46:40 in the event last year. Bekele, the 25-year-old younger brother of the legendary Ethiopian distance star Kenenisa, ran a slower 46:44 for the distance last year, but later posted an impressive mark of 43:35 which saw him win the Sao Paulo San Silvestre 15km (9.3 miles) on New Year's Eve.

"I've heard it's a fast course which should suit my style of running and the hamstring soreness I had is no longer a problem," said Bekele, who was troubled by the injury in last month's Lisbon Half Marathon.

The two favourites face a predominantly overseas field, including former European Cross Country silver medallist Ayad Lamdassem of Spain, along with Irishman Alistair Cragg, who ran one of the best races of his career when placing third at the Bupa Great South Run 2011.

Leading the British challenge will be USA-based Andrew Lemoncello, who after a lengthy absence won last month's Denver Half Marathon, followed with second position at the Bupa Great Edinburgh Run and Jonny Mellor – a surprise winner of last month's Bupa Great Yorkshire Run.

The women's elite race promises to be a fascinating engagement with the evergreen 39-year-old veteran Pavey bidding to regain the title she won in 2006 facing a posse of much younger rivals, including fellow Team GB Olympians Julia Bleasdale and Claire Hallissey.

Now she faces another major test after her fifth finish in last month's Bupa Great North Run. Running with legs that were still weary after her London exploits was a commendable display and saw her first



HIGH PROFILE: From left: Julia Bleasdale, Jo Pavey, Ian Fleming, Abel Kirui and Tariku Bekele are all taking part in Sunday's Bupa Great South Run.

Picture: Peter Langdown

Brit across the line in the world's greatest half marathon.

Pavey, now in full training for the fast approaching Yokohama Marathon on November 18, revealed she may again have tired limbs having stepped up her endurance preparations for the high profile Japanese race.

"I've been concentrating my training for Yokohama and it's been progressing very well," said Pavey, preferring to stay at home in Devon rather than go to a traditional warm weather camp abroad.

"Not going abroad before the Olympic Games worked very well for me and Gavin (her husband and coach) felt it would be the way ahead before my autumn marathon."

Pavey, despite her veteran status, has every intention of making a

fifth successive Olympic Games appearance and is already planning the path towards the trip to Rio de Janeiro in four years' time.

"That is what our intentions are but you never know what's around the corner, such as injuries and illness," she added. "But younger athletes can suffer just as well."

"I know I'm there to be shot at by my fellow Britons and this is a good thing. But it is also very important to maintain my position as a world class runner and that's my strategy in the next few years."

But the candidate most likely to cause an upset will be Gemma Steel, who in the last 18 months has emerged as the likeliest successor to Paula Radcliffe, Mara Yamauchi, Hallissey and Pavey, when stepping up to marathon distance.

Steel, 26, has beaten all three world class stars in her rise to the top. Although finishing two positions behind Pavey in the Bupa Great North Run, she went on to achieve a highly positive seventh place at the World Half Marathon Championships three weeks ago.

Having set her ten miles personal best of 53:44 at the Bupa Great South Run 2010, she is clearly in shape to go much faster and may better the time of 52:46 which Pavey achieved six years ago.

It promises to be an exciting domestic battle, but the British runners will be advised to keep a close eye on the overseas visitors led by former World Half Marathon champion Berhane Adere, along with Dorcus Inzikuru, Alessandra Aguilar and Nadia Ejajani.

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GREAT SOUTH RUN PREVIOUS WINNERS

Men's race		Women's race	
1990	Marti ten Kate (NED)47:52	1990	Alison Gooderham (GBR)56:09
1991	Thomas Naali (TAN) .....47:11	1991	Olga Bondarenko (URS) .....53:16
1992	Boay Akonay (TAN) .....47:04	1992	Iulia Negura (ROM) .....53:19
1993	Gary Staines (GBR) .....46:11	1993	Iulia Negura (ROM) .....53:01
1994	Gary Staines (GBR) .....47:00	1994	Gitte Karlshøj (DEN) .....54:49
1995	Benson Masya (KEN) .....45:56	1995	Liz McColgan (GBR) .....53:12
1996	Gary Staines (GBR) .....46:57	1996	Derartu Tulu (ETH) .....52:39
1997	Christopher Kelong (KEN) .....46:53	1997	Liz McColgan (GBR) .....52:00
1998	Stéphane Franke (GER) .....47:40	1998	Marian Sutton (GBR) .....54:17
1999	Simon Kasimili (KEN) .....47:42	1999	Esther Kiplagat (KEN) .....54:42
2000	Gert Thys (RSA) .....48:26	2000	Restituta Joseph (TAN) .....55:10
2001	Khalid Skah (MAR) .....46:17	2001	Restituta Joseph (TAN) .....52:36
2002	Simon Kasimili (KEN) .....47:27	2002	Sonia O'Sullivan (IRL) .....51:00
2003	John Yuda (TAN) .....46:35	2003	Sonia O'Sullivan (IRL) .....53:26
2004	Hendrick Ramaala (RSA) .....47:14	2004	Benita Johnson (AUS) .....52:32
2005	John Yuda (TAN) .....46:45	2005	Derartu Tulu (ETH) .....51:27
2006	Simon Arusei (KEN) .....47:17	2006	Jo Pavey (GBR) .....52:46
2007	Luke Kibet (KEN) .....47:31	2007	Rose Cheruiyot (KEN) .....53:44
2008	Bernard Kipyego (KEN) .....46:42	2008	Paula Radcliffe (GBR) .....51:11
2009	Mo Farah (GBR) .....46:25	2009	Inês Monteiro (POR) .....52:32
2010	Joseph Ebuya (KEN) .....45:15	2010	Grace Momanyi (KEN) .....52:03
2011	Leonard Komon (KEN) .....46:18	2011	Aselefech Mergia (ETH) .....52:55

Navy diver takes on a heavyweight challenge

ROYAL Navy diver Ian Fleming is aiming to complete the Great South Run in a 19th century diving kit.

The Liverpoolian (centre of main picture) began the course in the 200lb suit on Friday and was aiming to have completed nine miles by Saturday evening.

He will begin the final mile when the rest of the field are starting the ten-mile course on Sunday morning.

Ian, 48, and his colleagues at Portsmouth-based Southern Diving Unit 2 are running in aid of BLESMA (British Limbless Ex-ServiceMen's Association).

"The theme is diving kit through the ages and because it's my idea I'm wearing a full Siebe Gorman Standard Diving kit!" he said.

"I'm not going anywhere fast so did five miles on the Friday and will do another four on Saturday.

"The others will start on Sunday and hopefully we'll cross the line together."

Ian is hoping to raise £5,000.

"I like to do my bit, usually one major challenge a year," he said. "It's not easy to get money out of people in this day and age but I always seem to hit my targets.

"I like to help people who are worse off and there's no point in making challenges easy - injured servicemen who have lost limbs suffer on a daily basis."

● If you would like to sponsor Ian visit justgiving.com/chiefdiver.

I'll crawl across line if I have to, says Saints star

SAINTS striker Billy Sharp will run the streets of Portsmouth in tomorrow's Great South Run.

Sharp, who is on-loan at Nottingham Forest, is running just 24 hours after playing for Nottingham Forest against Barnsley at Oakwell to raise money for the Luey Jacob Sharp Foundation, the charity he founded following the tragic death of his son.

This weekend marks the first anniversary of the tragedy, since when Sharp, pictured, has moved to Saints from Doncaster.

He scored both goals, including a dramatic late equaliser, when Saints drew 2-2 with Pompey at St Mary's six months ago.

But he can expect a warm reception down the road tomorrow.

Sharp said: "I've never run ten miles before and I'm sure I'll be a bit scared about how I'll feel after playing at Barnsley.

"It will be an emotional weekend and I know it's going to be tough to wake up on Luey's first birthday.

"But I'll crawl across the line on my hands and knees if necessary."

● If you would like to sponsor Billy Sharp visit justgiving.com/billy-sharp.



QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I'm talking about an incident when we should be talking about the football. We're talking about vile animals. That's what they are. We talk about racism, but that... we need to sort that" - **Sheffield Wednesday manager Dave Jones** labels Leeds fans after crowd trouble in the Yorkshire derby at Hillsborough.

"I felt the full force and I was just shocked because you never know what could have been in his hands... I thought of my family watching something like that and it was not a nice feeling to think my daughter saw me assaulted like that" - **Sheffield Wednesday keeper Chris Kirkland** reflects on the moment he was attacked by a Leeds fan during the npower Championship clash with Leeds.

"The idiot who ran on the pitch better not go anywhere near Elland Road again" - **Ken Bates** is typically forthright with his views on Aaron Cawley, who was jailed for attacking Chris Kirkland.

"It's ridiculous to say that by not wearing a T-shirt or by not supporting Kick It Out you are actually going to change things" - **Lord Herman Ouseley**, leader of the Kick It Out campaign blasts players who refused to wear Kick It Out T-shirts in the aftermath John Terry's four-match ban for racially abusing Anton Ferdinand.

"I'm totally committed to kicking racism out of football but when there's a movement I feel represents the issue in the way that speaks for me and my colleagues, then I will happily support it" -



JASON ROBERTS

Reading striker Jason Roberts on his refusal to wear a Kick It Out T-shirt.

"We can talk well about what the team have done against Arsenal, but because of where we are we realise it is going to be a tough season so we know we have to show that level in more games than not" - **Norwich boss Chris Hughton** refuses to get carried away with his team's 1-0 win over Arsenal.

"There is always interest in this business. It is a phenomenal brand and club, but they are not willing sellers at all. They won't even engage - they are long-term investors" - **Manchester United vice-chairman Ed Woodward** discusses the attitude of the club's owners, the Glazer family.

"The players are hurting, they are angry, whatever you want to call it but it gave them a real taste of playing in the Champions League at the highest level and they played fantastically well" - **Celtic boss Neil Lennon** is full of praise for his players' performance after they were sunk by Barcelona's 94th-minute winner at the Nou Camp.

"A lot of people have done it - probably everyone in his generation. If you wanted to finish the course you had to jump on board. He seems to be the one everyone is picking on - probably as he was the most successful. There is a new generation. Have faith that the likes of Bradley Wiggins are clean - I'd bet my life on it. I'd be happy to say any GB athlete is clean" - **2008 Olympic gold medalist Jamie Staff** has his say on the Lance Armstrong scandal.

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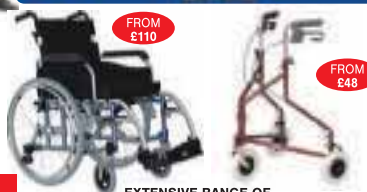
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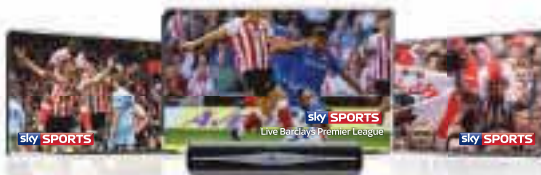
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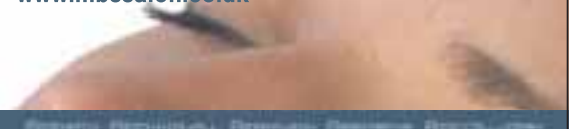
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Horse Racing

SQUARE TO SHAPE WITH PROMISE

MERRION Square may only be a novice but he can account for his more experienced rivals in the Weatherbys Hamilton Bloodstock Insurance Handicap Chase at Aintree.

The six-year-old was a winning point-to-pointer but failed to make the expected impact when unplaced on his first couple of starts for Paul Nicholls.

The champion trainer has obviously worked his magic since then, though, as Merrion Square has been making hay through the summer with two wins at Newton Abbot.

He was reported to have received treatment for a breathing problem and it evidently worked the oracle as he strolled home a clear winner in July.

Merrion Square then followed up in September, beating a useful previous winner in the process, and he could be underrated as he switches to full company here.

Vendor made a favourable impression in his three starts last season and is an interesting prospect in the Matalan Handicap Hurdle.

He joined Alan King in late 2011 and made a winning bow at Newbury, landing the odds in impressive style and firing Triumph Hurdle dreams.

However, he did not make it to the Cheltenham Festival Grade One, with King opting to instead go for the Fred Winter.

While he was a creditable third there, the big field caught him out and he was putting in all his best work at the finish.

A little event at Fontwell in April was something of a penalty kick, but it was a nice confidence booster and Vendor can make his presence felt this term.

Dawn Commander can hopefully put in a better display of fencing in the Bettfred "The Bonus King" Beginners' Chase. Rated 135 over hurdles, his jumping let him down at Uttoxeter earlier this month and trainer Charlie Longsdon is sure to have been putting in plenty of work on the schooling ground.

Counsel is a useful recruit to the jumping sphere for Donald McCain after changing

hands for 40,000 guineas at Tattersalls in July.

The Dansili colt originally cost 200,000 guineas but after winning just one of his seven starts for Sir Michael Stoute, he was weeded out of the Highclere team.

While he may not have sparkled on the level, he still ended up with a rating of 85 and that kind of mark is a pretty useful starting point in the Bettfred Goals Galore Introductory Juvenile Hurdle.

Rey Nacarado really relishes a test and is the choice in Wincanton's FJ Chalke Desert Orchid Handicap Chase.

He won off a mark of 120 at Newbury on New Year's Eve last year but the handicapper hammered him for that three-and-a-quarter-length success, putting him up 13lb.

Rey Nacarado subsequently struggled in his next two starts but back down to 124 now, he looks to be on a much more suitable perch.

He can be forgiven a slightly sub-standard effort on his final outing last term and can go well fresh here.

AINTREE

Going: Good-Good to Soft in places

1.10 MATALAN HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 2). £15,500 added 4YO PLUS 2m 4f Penalty Value £9,697.

1 000F- SON OF FLICKA (199) (D)(BF) D McCain 8 11 12 J Maguire
2 0001-R MAD MOOSE (IRE) (8) (D) N Twiston-Davies 8 11 10 D England
3 3/2P-U WYSE HILL TEABAGS (3) (D) J Goldie 7 11 9 Lucy Alexander (3)
4 2F131- VENDOR (FR) (203) A King 4 11 6 R Thornton
5 1U041- JOKER CHOKER (IRE) (236) (D) N Henderson 7 11 4 J McGrath (5)
6 1/1PP- SKINT (255) (D) C Longsdon 6 11 1 N Fehily
7 3-1113 ONE TERM (IRE) (14) (C)(BF) Miss R Curtis 5 10 12 P Corbett (10)
8 14-133 MIDNIGHT TUESDAY (FR) (21) (D) P Dipe 7 10 10 T Scudamore
9 3131-2 HOLYWELL (IRE) (176) (D)(BF) Jonjo O'Neill 5 10 8 A P McCoy
10 45-314 GAY SLOANE (IRE) (8) R Woolcott 8 10 7 P Brennan
11 10550- SIMONSIDE (F16) (D) B Ellison 9 10 0 A Coleman
12 24616 TEAK (IRE) (F50) J Williams 5 10 0 D Costello

BETTING: 11-4 Vendor, 6-1 Holywell, 13-2 Son of Flicka, 15-2 Joker Choker, 8-1 One Term, Midnight Tuesday, 10-1 Gay Sloane, 14-1 Wyse Hill Teabags, 16-1 others.

1.40 BETFRED GOALS GALORE INTRODUCTORY JUVENILE HURDLE (CLASS 4). £6,000 added 3YO only 2m 1f Penalty Value £3,899.

1 1- FOR TWO (FR) (224) P Nicholls 11 5 D Jacob
2 COUNSEL (IRE) (F130) D McCain 11 0 J Maguire
3 HANDAZAN (IRE) (15) (BF) A King 11 0 R Thornton
4 LIKE CLOCKWORK (F39) M Tompkins 11 0 C Bolger

WINCANTON

Going: Good-Good to Soft in places

12.50 LONG LOST FAMILY HANDICAP HURDLE (DIV 1) (CLASS 5). £3,300 added 4YO PLUS 2m 6f Penalty Value £2,144.

101 000P1- FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT (IRE) (221) D Pipe 6 11 12 Conor O'Farrell
102 656-45 CARDINAL ROSE (18) Jonjo O'Neill 5 11 10 R McLernon
103 4P0P3/ STARLIGHT AIR (845) J Spearing 9 11 7 A Tinker
104 0/306 DARK OASIS (18) D L Williams 6 11 6 Mr Kevin Jones (7)
105 F05P-4 MIDNIGHT LIRA (17) Mrs C Keevil 5 11 4 H Skelton
106 P/2-4 MAN OF LEISURE (346) Mrs P Duffield 8 11 4 James Best (5)
107 0U5-41 KAYFROU (27) N Mitchell 7 11 1 R Mahon (3)
108 0U30- OBSCURITY (IRE) (235) J Portman 4 10 12 S Thomas
109 046-P1 GIVETACHANCE (IRE) (4) Miss C Dyson 5 10 12 (7ex) N Schofield
110 000P-0 JUST WATCH OLLIE (IRE) (180) M Coombe 6 10 8 M Quinlan (3)
111 P03-P9 EXILES RETURN (IRE) (48) Mrs J Rietter 10 10 1 D Devereux (3)

BETTING: 9-4 Giveitachance, 4-1 Cardinal Rose, 9-2 Franklin Roosevelt, 8-1 Kayfrou, 10-1 Man of Leisure, Starlight Air, 12-1 Midnight Lira, 16-1 Obscurity, 20-1 others.

1.20 ST. MARGARET'S HOSPICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 4). £5,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £3,249.

201 131240 BATHWICK MAN (9) (D) P Dipe 7 11 12 T Bellamy (7)
202 142F-4 SLEEPING CITY (FR) (163) V Dartnell 5 11 10 A Glassonbury
203 331-35 SPECIALAGENT ALFIE (23) (D) N Gifford 6 11 10 L Aspell
204 13U-30 DUJESBOIR (IRE) (146) (D) Miss V Williams 6 11 9 R T Dunne (3)
205 244-20 STRONGLY SUGGESTED (35) (D) Jonjo O'Neill 5 11 9 Mr Alan Berry (3)

206 342R6- STREET DANCE (IRE) (312) (D) W Goldsworthy 6 11 6 T J O'Brien
207 33522- SEW ON TARGET (IRE) (27) C Tizzard 7 11 3 J Tizzard
208 64563/ GREY MISSILE (693) J Scott 7 11 2 N Schofield

TOMORROW'S SELECTIONS

AINTREE: 1.10 Vendor, 1.40 Counsel, 2.15 Dawn Commander, 2.50 Mavalenta, 3.25 MERRION SQUARE (NAP), 4.00 The Nephew, 4.30 Maison De Ville.

GALWAY: 1.35 Rogue Angel, 2.10 Popmurfury, 2.40 Battling Boru,

3.10 Skibabe, 3.40 Il Fenomeno, 4.10 Muzak, 4.40 King Of Fifth.
WEXFORD: 1.15 Ravished, 1.50 Rior, 2.20 Mia's Vic, 2.50 Benevolent, 3.20 Rayhani, 3.55 Good Decision, 4.25 Abbey Storm.

WINCANTON: 12.50 Kayfrou, 1.20 Sleeping City, 1.55 Rey Nacarado, 2.30 Deciding Moment, 3.05 Bracken House, 3.40 Might As Well, 4.15 Listen And Learn.
DOUBLE: Merrion Square and Vendor.

Sunday's runners

1 1- FUNNY STAR (FR) (211) P Nicholls 4 11 8 H Derham (7)
2 6005- ANTIHERO (282) D Thompson 5 10 12 A Nicol (7)
3 412- AWBEG MASSINI (IRE) (231) T Vaughan 6 10 12 R Johnson
4 321- CLONDAW KAEMPFER (IRE) (201) D McCain 4 10 12 J Maguire
5 1- THE NEPHEW (IRE) (225) Jonjo O'Neill 4 10 12 A P McCoy

BETTING: 5-4 Funny Star, 9-4 Clondaw Kaempfer, 3-1 The Nephew, 10-1 Awbeg Massini, 66-1 Antihero.

4.30 MATALAN.CO.UK STANDARD OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS 6). £3,000 added 4 to 6YO 2m 1f Penalty Value £1,949.

1 1 BROADWAY BUFFALO (IRE) (158) D Pipe 4 11 7 T Scudamore
2 15 MISTER PAGAN (31) (D) J Goldie 4 11 7 Lucy Alexander (3)
3 P1- BALLYCOOL (IRE) (202) Miss L Russell 5 11 0 Sean Fox (7)
4 CAPE YORK J Jefferson 4 11 0 B Hughes
5 GHOST OF A SMILE (IRE) (1) Williams 4 11 0 P Brennan
6 KEEN'S TOKEN G Kelly 6 11 0 Mr J Willey (7)
7 0- MON HOMME (342) M Rimmel 5 11 0 H Derham (7)
8 OSCATARA (IRE) (189) D McCain 5 11 0 J Maguire
9 5 REGAL RAMIREZ (2) M Smith 4 11 0 K Renwick
10 020 SIGN PRO (IRE) (50) P Bowen 4 11 0 J Moore
11 F- SOUND INVESTMENT (IRE) (259) P Nicholls 4 11 0 D Jacob
12 P-52 TINY TENOR (IRE) (163) J Scott 6 11 0 A Coleman
13 ALLORA FLORA Mrs S Watt 4 10 7 H Brooke (3)
14 2 MAISON DE VILLE (GER) (31) (BF) D O'Meara 4 10 7 D O'Regan

BETTING: 11-4 Sound Investment, 3-1 Broadway Buffalo, 4-1 Oscatara, 8-1 Maison De Ville, 10-1 Tiny Tenor, 14-1 Mister Pagan, 20-1 Cape York, Ballycool, Sign Pro, Ghost Of A Smile, 33-1 others.

Sunday's runners

(CLASS 5). £3,600 added 4YO PLUS 3m 1f 110yds Penalty Value £2,339.

601 1230-0 SPOT THE BALL (IRE) (21) Jonjo O'Neill 7 11 12 R McLernon
602 0005U CAP ELORN (FR) (18) Mrs L Hill 6 11 8 D Bass
603 5-30P5 MONTY'S REVENGE (IRE) (21) M Keighley 7 11 7 D Hiskett (7)
604 634-33 MIGHT AS WELL (147) (CD) J W Mullins 9 11 12 A Thornton
605 22215- GUYDUS (IRE) (191) (D) Miss V Williams 8 10 12 H Challoner (5)
606 /P0-26 THEDEARMSTILLALIVE (IRE) (176) (C)(D) J Old 12 10 10 M Grant
607 015P6 MALIN HEAD (IRE) (204) R Buckler 7 10 5 A Glassonbury
608 42422P QUAYSIDE COURT (IRE) (18) Miss C Dyson 8 10 0 L Edwards
609 5-6640 VON GALEN (IRE) (62) M Scudamore 11 10 0 A Tinker

BETTING: 11-4 Spot The Ball, 9-2 Guydus, 5-1 Might As Well, 6-1 Cap Elorn, 8-1 Malin Head, The Dearmstillalive, 12-1 Monty's Revenge, 14-1 Von Galen, 16-1 Quayside Court.

4.15 PAUL NICHOLLS RACING 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (CLASS 4). £5,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £3,249.

01 0 ASK SCOTTY (131) A Jones 9 10 12 J Tizzard
02 5/ JOHNNY RED (IRE) (933) R Walford 6 10 12 A Thornton
03 550/ KINGS FLAGSHIP (683) C Down 7 10 12 M Davies
04 24 LISTEN AND LEARN (IRE) (662) Jonjo O'Neill 4 10 12 R McLernon
05 3-1 MASTER BENJAMIN (50) (BF) J Scott 5 10 12 N Schofield
06 3300- PIANO CONCERTO (USA) (228) A Turrell 5 10 12 G Tunnely
07 550- PRESENTING ARMS (IRE) (233) H Fry 5 10 12 H Skelton
08 0-1 SUERTE AL SALTO (IRE) (169) P Nicholls 5 10 12 R Mahon (5)
09 THE PRESIDENTS MAN (IRE) E Williams 5 10 12 P Moloney
10 05- TORRENTIAL RAINE (297) M Blake 4 10 12 Conor O'Farrell
11 1/14- VALDEZ (239) (D) A King 5 10 12 W Hutchinson
12 066/0 ZAVA RIVER (IRE) (10) J Snowden 5 10 12 T J O'Brien
13 UB-130 UMHIR A SEACHT (IRE) (27) N Mulholland 5 10 5 Michael Byrne (5)

BETTING: 2-1 Valdez, 9-4 Suerte Al Salto, 7-2 Listen And Learn, 10-1 The Presidents Man, 12-1 Master Benjamin, 14-1 Piano Concerto, 16-1 Presenting Arms, 20-1 Johnny Red, 66-1 others.

209 40-160 CANADIAN DIAMOND (IRE) (73) (D) B Powell 5 11 2 M G Nolan (7)
210 2-142 ADIYNARA (IRE) (18) (CD) N Mulholland 4 11 2 Michael Byrne (5)
211 121114 THE LEMONPIE (GER) (17) (D) B Powell 7 11 1 B J Powell (3)
212 /205-0 KNOCKGRAFFON LAD (USA) (171) B Powell 5 10 13 S P Jones
213 0-6022 SAN MARINO (FR) (10) M Coombe 6 10 9 Mrs M Roberts (5)
214 30-543 BACKHOMEINDERRY (IRE) (147) Mrs K A Buckett 7 10 6 M Grant

BETTING: 4-1 Sleeping City, 6-1 Bathwick Man, 7-1 San Marino, Sew On Target, 8-1 The Lemonpie, Grey Missile, 10-1 Adynara, 14-1 Specialistagent Alfie, 16-1 others.

1.55 F.J. CHALKE DESERT ORCHID HANDICAP CHASE (FOR THE DESERT ORCHID SILVER CUP) (CLASS 3). £10,000 added 4YO PLUS 3m 3f 110yds Penalty Value £6,498.

301 13P1P- FORTIFICATION (USA) (229) K Burke 9 11 12 T J Murphy
302 4003-6 ANY CURRENCY (IRE) (157) M Keighley 9 11 3 A P Cawley
303 P/PP1- AIR FORCE ONE (GER) (304) C Mann 10 11 3 S Thomas
304 51PF-3 ONLY WITNESS (IRE) (23) B Powell 7 11 1 B J Powell (3)
305 321P4- REY NACARADO (IRE) (208) C Longsdon 7 11 0 A Tinker
306 0UP1- REACH FOR THE TOP (IRE) (226) P Hobbs 11 10 13 T J O'Brien
307 3-2221 MINELLA STARS (IRE) (33) P Nicholls 7 10 9 H Skelton
308 00141- UPHAM ATOM (206) (CD) Mrs K A Buckett 9 10 9 R L Treadwell

BETTING: 7-2 Minella Stars, 4-1 Reach For The Top, 5-1 Upham Atom, 6-1 Rey Nacarado, 7-1 Fortification, 8-1 Air Force One, Any Currency, 10-1 Only Witness.

2.30 FRIENDS OF WINCANTON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL NOVICES' HURDLE (CLASS 4). £4,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 6f Penalty Value £2,599.

401 -2331U VIOLETS BOY (IRE) (23) B Powell 5 11 5 A Tinker
402 412-32 WEEKEND MILLIONAIRE (FR) (12) (BF) D Pipe 5 11 5 T Bellamy (7)
403 0 ALL SYSTEMS GO (IRE) (17) Jonjo O'Neill 5 10 12 R McLernon

404 22223- BALLYLIFEN (IRE) (203) M Channon 5 10 12 W Kennedy
405 0- BARON SUTTON (358) R Buckler 5 10 12 A Glassonbury
406 BOSS'S DESTINATION (FR2) A Honeyball 5 10 12 Rachael Green (3)
407 PF20-1 BRAVE DEED (IRE) (174) J Scott 6 10 12 R Mahon (3)
408 11- COMEONGING (IRE) (231) P Nicholls 5 10 12 R Mahon (3)
409 060/52 DECIDING MOMENT (IRE) (130) B De Haan 6 10 12 J Doyle
410 00 GENERALISE (10) Miss V Williams 6 10 12 S Thomas
411 32- HOT WHISKY (IRE) (217) A King 4 10 12 W Hutchinson
412 010- JEANO DE TOULOUSE (FR) (191) O Sherwood 5 10 12 L Aspell
413 3106- VIRGINIA ASH (IRE) (201) C Tizzard 4 10 12 J Tizzard
414 000- WILDE AT HEART (IRE) (242) J Portman 5 10 5 H Frost

BETTING: 2-1 Weekend Millionaire, 9-2 Comeonging, 5-1 Deciding Moment, 7-1 Ballylifen, 8-1 Violets Boy, 12-1 Hot Whisky, 14-1 Brave Deed, Boss's Destination, 16-1 others.

3.05 LONG LOST FAMILY HANDICAP HURDLE (DIV 2) (CLASS 5). £3,300 added 4YO PLUS 2m 6f Penalty Value £2,144.

501 554236 KAHSABELLE (FR) (18) Miss V Williams 7 11 12 S Thomas
502 400601 BRACKEN HOUSE (IRE) (18) J Flint 5 11 8 T Flint
503 000-4P BLUE BLOODED (17) Mrs C Keevil 6 11 6 R Mahon (3)
504 U065/0 QUARRY TOWN (IRE) (18) (CD) C O'Brien 10 11 4 Mr J Pearce (7)
505 502256 TITCH STRIDER (IRE) (10) J Panvett 7 11 4 Conor O'Farrell
506 51PP1P NORISAN (10) (C)(D) A Jones 8 11 4 N Schofield
507 0-00P2 LITTLE EAGLE (IRE) (10) C Heard 8 11 0 L Heard
508 006541 TOWER (2) M Keighley 5 10 12 A P Cawley
509 P51F-0 CASPER'S SHADOW (IRE) (18) W Goldsworthy 6 10 10 T J O'Brien
510 00000- SHADDALI (FR) (204) Mrs C Keevil 6 10 6 P Moloney
511 24PP0 BOOMTOWN (35) Miss C Dyson 7 10 0 Gerald Quinn (7)

BETTING: 3-1 Tower, 7-2 Little Eagle, 4-1 Bracken House, 5-1 Kahsabelle, 7-1 Titch Strider, 14-1 Norisan, 16-1 Blue Blooded, Casper's Shadow, 33-1 others.

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12.50 HAYMARKET NURSERY (DIV 1) (CLASS 6). £3,000 added 2YO only 7f Penalty Value £1,941.

1	054	BEAUTIFULWILDTHING	(40) P Salmon 9 7	.....	A Nicholls 4
2	000	EQUITISSA	(IRE) (53) R Hannan 9 6	.....	J Fortune 2
3	561042	POETIC PRINCESS	(33) (D) J Hughes 9 4	.....	Kelly Harrison 10
4	050	CANADIAN RED	(53) T Dascombe 9 2	.....	R Kingscote 7
5	322006	MISSING AGENT	(10) (D) P Evans 9 2	.....	N Callan 1
6	0043	MARGUERITE ST JUST	(83) Miss O Maylam 9 1	.....	S Sanders 9
7	0060	INTRIGO	(18) R Hannan 8 13	.....	R Hughes 5
8	0504	SAKHEE'S ICHIGOU	(24) M Blanshard 8 12	.....	N Mackay 11
9	250546	SOJOURN	(3) M Channon 8 9	.....	S Hitchcott 3
10	050534	AMELIA JAY	(20) Danielle McCormick 8 8	.....	J Fanning 12
11	000	POETIC STAR	(126) B Haslam 8 7	.....	C Catlin 6
12	50002	BOUGALOO	(4) A McCabe 8 6	.....	D Probert 8

BETTING: 5-2 Poetic Princess, 5-1 Intrigo, 6-1 Marguerite St Just, 15-2 Equitissa, 8-1 Canadian Red, 10-1 Missing Agent, 12-1 Sojourn, 16-1 Sakhee's Ichigou, Beautifulwildthing, 20-1 others.

1.20 HOBY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (CLASS 5). £3,500 added 2YO only 6f Penalty Value £2,264.

1	000	CAMILA DE ROSSI	R Guest 9 0	.....	C Catlin 2
2	00	DAHOUSE LASSIE	(171) J Unett 9 0	.....	L Jones 3
3	03	DEWI CHINTA	(IRE) (7) K Ryan 9 0	.....	Amy Ryan 5
4	0	MISS AVONBRIDGE	(R) T Dascombe 9 0	.....	R Kingscote 6
5	0	MOJO BEAR	(38) S Kirk 9 0	.....	L Keniry 7
6	0	NINGBO EXPRESS	(IRE) R Guest 9 0	.....	J-P Guillaumbert 4
7	226023	PUTERI NUN LAILA	(IRE) (23) P Cole 9 0	.....	N Callan 8
8	040	TAKE THE LEAD	(8) R Hannan 9 0	.....	R Hughes 1

BETTING: 5-2 Puteri Nun Laila, 5-2 Take The Lead, 3-1 Dewi Chinta, 13-2 Miss Avonbridge, 20-1 Camila De Rossi, Ningbo Express, 33-1 Mojo Bear, 50-1 Dalhouse Lassie.

RED CAR

Going: Soft

12.40 BRITISH STALLION STUDS SUPPORTING BRITISH RACING E.B.F. MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (CLASS 5). £4,600 added 2YO only 6f Penalty Value £2,976.

1	000	DOODLES D	Nicholls 9 0	.....	Shirley Teasdale 7
2	00	ERICA STARRPRINCESS	(41) G M Moore 9 0	.....	A Mullen 5
3	42	LILAC LACE	(IRE) (9) (BF) T Easterby 9 0	.....	P Mulrennan 1
4	004650	MAZE THE ACE	(18) L Mulloney 9 0	.....	D Byrne (9) 6
5	522	MAID A MILLION	(6) D Elsworth 9 0	.....	T Durcan 4
6	6022	MEDICI DANCER	(7) T Easterby 9 0	.....	D Durcan 4
7	6422	RANGOOONO	(12) (BF) Mrs A Duffield 9 0	.....	G Lee 2

BETTING: 7-4 Maid A Million, 3-1 Medici Dancer, 7-2 Rangooono, 5-1 Lilac Lace, 16-1 Doodles, 20-1 Maze The Ace, 25-1 Erica Starrprincess.

1.10 VOLTIGER RESTAURANT 2 COURSE SPECIAL 10.95 NURSERY (CLASS 6). £2,500 added 2YO only 5f Penalty Value £1,617.

1	524252	PERFECT WORDS	(IRE) (20) Mrs M Fife 9 7	.....	P Pickard (3) 10
2	003042	DREAM VALE	(IRE) (20) D T Easterby 9 6	.....	A Carter (9) 5
3	5100	SKIDDY MILL	(IRE) (16) J Quinn 9 6	.....	M O'Connell 9
4	003245	JET ACCLAIM	(IRE) (45) M Botti 9 4	.....	S De Sousa 6
5	065	BEACON TARN	(26) E Aston 9 3	.....	T Durcan 4
6	50636	SALVATORE FURY	(IRE) (59) K Dalgleish 9 2	.....	T Eaves 8
7	000	TROY BOY	(17) R Bastiman 8 11	.....	R Winston 9
8	060390	GRAND JIPECK	(IRE) (20) I McInnes 8 10	.....	P Mathers 7
9	0001	MILL END DANCER	(87) (D) M W Easterby 8 6	.....	B McHugh 1
10	600	ANGEL GRIGIO	(13) D Smart 8 1	.....	J P Sullivan 3

BETTING: 5-2 Dream Vale, 9-2 Mill End Dancer, 5-1 Perfect Words, 8-1 Angel Grigio, 10-1 Jet Acclaim, Grand Jipeck, 12-1 Salvatore Fury, Skiddy Mill, 14-1 others.

1.40 EUROPEAN BREEDERS' FUND - DOUBLE TRIGGER MAIDEN STAKES (FOR THE DOUBLE TRIGGER TROPHY) (CLASS 5).

1.50 IRISH STALLION FARMS E.B.F. MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 4). £6,700 added 2YO only 6f Penalty Value £4,334.

1	63	BLUEGRASS BLUES	(IRE) (17) (BF) P Cole 9 3	.....	DOUBTFUL 7
2	4424	EXOTIC GUEST	(39) G Margaron 9 3	.....	E Ahern 4
3	000	MOE'S PLACE	(IRE) (8) Ryan 9 3	.....	P Makin 8
4	000	MONT SIGNAL	D Kubler 9 3	.....	R Kingscote 2
5	000	OCEAN POWER	(IRE) R Phillips 9 3	.....	R Havlin 5
6	000	PADDY BURKE	W Kittow 9 3	.....	D Sweeney 6
7	02	SILCA'S DREAM	(8) (BF) M Channon 9 3	.....	M Harley 9
8	000	BARBS PRINCESS	(158) C Hills 8 12	.....	R Hughes 1
9	60	BETZYCUAN	(84) M Johnston 8 12	.....	J Fanning 10
10	4	ROBYN	(25) S Dixon 8 12	.....	N Mackay 3

BETTING: 6-4 Exotic Guest, 5-2 Silca's Dream, 6-1 Moe's Place, 8-1 Betzyucuan, 12-1 Barbs Princess, 14-1 Robyn, 20-1 Mont Signal, 33-1 Ocean Power, Paddy Burke.

2.20 SIS LIVE HANDICAP (RND) (CLASS 2). £15,800 added 3YO PLUS 1m Penalty Value £10,221.

1	001410	OSTEOPATHIC REMEDY	(IRE) (17) (D10) M Dods 8 9 7	.....	Connor Nichol (7) 6
2	006023	CAPAILL LIATH	(IRE) (14) (D) (BF) K Ryan 4 9 5	.....	Amy Ryan 3
3	512461	SHAMAL NIBRAS	(USA) (14) R Hannan 3 9 4	.....	R Hughes 5
4	600006	JUSTONEFORTHOROUGH	(10) (D) R Fahy 6 9 3	.....	T Hamilton 4
5	300420	WEAPON OF CHOICE	(IRE) (51) (D) W Kittow 4 9 2	.....	N Callan 1
6	502200	ATLANTIC SPORT	(USA) (8) M Channon 7 9 2	.....	M Harley 7
7	503323	TOYO SKYLACHY	(10) (D) O'Meara 7 9 0	.....	D Tudhope 2

BETTING: 9-4 Shamal Nibras, 3-1 Capail Liath, 4-1 Toto Skylachy, 15-2 Justoneforthorough, 8-1 Osteopathic Remedy, 10-1 Atlantic Sport, 14-1 Weapon Of Choice.

2.50 HAMISH'S DIAMOND DAY HANDICAP (GENTLEMEN AMATEUR RIDERS) (CLASS 5).

£3,500 added 3YO PLUS 7f Penalty Value £2,305.

1	060521	GINGER TED	(IRE) (6) S C Williams 5 11 9(6x)	.....	Mr P Millman (3) 4
2	-00000	PELMANISM	(23) (D) B Ellison 5 11 7	.....	Mr J Willey (5) 12
3	3-0012	ELUSIVE HAWK	(IRE) (82) (BF) B Curley 8 11 6	.....	Mr D L Quaeley 11
4	226621	TUNNAGER GROVE	(13) (CD) H Morrison 3 11 4	.....	Mr R Pooles (5) 10
5	21-260	FISTFUL OF DOLLARS	(IRE) (261) (D) D Nicholls 3 11 4	.....	Mr G Carson (7) 8
6	244250	AL'S MEMORY	(IRE) (37) P Evans 3 11 3	.....	Mr F Windsor Clive 13
7	065043	EASTERN HILLS	(4) (CD) A McCabe 7 11 3	.....	Mr R Hatch (5) 14
8	054343	DESERET CREEK	(9) (D) (BF) D Nicholls 6 11 3	.....	Mr Steven Crawford 2
9	055310	HOPPY'S FLYER	(FR) (29) (D) P Midgley 4 11 3	.....	Mr N Slater (5) 1
10	500350	TED'S BROTHER	(IRE) (39) (D) R C Guest 4 11 3	.....	Mr S Drinkwater (3) 5

11	305665	LINDORO	(10) (D) B Ellison 7 11 3	.....	Mr D Levey (5) 8
12	022-4	HOOGLAN SEAN	(B) G Candy 5 11 1	.....	Mr P Mitchell (5) 8
13	012-40	SOVENTO	(GER) (9) A McCabe 8 11 0	.....	Mr J Sherwood (5) 9
14	0-3000	KHAJAALI	(IRE) (20) (D) Miss J Felden 5 10 12	.....	Mr R Birkett (3) 15
15	030414	SHOMBERG	(J31) D Burchill 3 10 7	.....	Mr N De Boynville (3) 17
16	010000	MAZOVIAN	(USA) (25) (C) (D) M Chapman 4 10 7	.....	Mr Kevin Jones (5) 3
17	310004	CALEDONIA PRINCE	(25) J Hughes 4 10 7	.....	Mr C Martin (3) 16
18	0-3000	PULL THE PIN	(IRE) (21) W Kinsey 3 10 5	.....	Mr T Cheesman (5) 7

BETTING: 9-2 Ginger Ted, 11-2 Elusive Hawk, 15-2 Eastern Hills, 8-1 Desert Creek, 10-1 Tunnager Grove, 12-1 Lindoro, Hooligan Sean, Hoppy's Flyer, Fistful of Dollars, 14-1 others.

3.20 GUMLEY CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS 6). £3,000 added 3 to 4YO 7f Penalty Value £1,941.

1	614020	RIGOLLETO	(IRE) (26) (D) Mrs A Murphy 4 9 7	.....	R Hughes 7
2	130402	ETERNAL GIFT	(FR) (12) (D) R Guest 3 9 1	.....	Fortune 8
3	124102	LLEWELYN	(9) (D) (BF) D Nicholls 4 8 13	.....	A Nicholls 2
4	305006	MONZINO	(USA) (25) (D) M Chapman 4 8 13	.....	R Kennemore 11
5	023402	BARISTA	(IRE) (13) (CD) B Forsey 4 8 7	.....	S Hitchcott 5
6	-55400	BUSSA	(11) P Evans 4 8 5	.....	Kirsty Milczarek 10
7	000000	CATHCART CASTLE	(20) S G West 4 8 5	.....	Amy Ryan 12

BETTING: 13-8 Red Tyke, 5-2 Blue Dune, 5-1 Panettone, 7-1 My Destination, 10-1 Dorry K, 12-1 Minty Fox.

3.10 BOOK YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTIES AT REDCAR RACECOURSE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 5). £3,500 added 3YO PLUS 7f Penalty Value £2,264.

1	046360	BENIDORM	(4) J Wainwright 4 9 5	.....	A Carter (5) 5
2	0-0000	PETERON	(83) C Teague 4 9 5	.....	D Cannon (3) 11
3	000	ADAM'S ALE	P Midgley 3 9 3	.....	M Fenton 8
4	00	BONDI BEACH BOY	(26) R Turner 3 9 3	.....	P Aspell 10
5	000	EDONY EXPRESS	G Swinbank 3 9 3	.....	R Winston 12
6	000	EXTOL	C Teague 3 9 3	.....	D Swift 4
7	5	IMPERIAL BOND	(61) J O'Keefe 3 9 3	.....	G Lee 17
8	05-40	KUWAIT STAR	(4) J Ward 3 9 3	.....	T Durcan 3
9	325	QANAN	(26) L Curnani 3 9 3	.....	K Fallon 19
10	603	QUAN	(IRE) (21) G Swinbank 3 9 3	.....	G Williams (5) 2
11	203-2	SNOOKY	(88) R Fahy 3 9 3	.....	B McHugh 9
12	230602	GLADSTONE	(28) (BF) J Ward 4 9 0	.....	D Fox 7
13	000	COPPER TO GOLD	R Bastiman 3 8 12	.....	M O'Connell 13
14	0260	KURANDAN	(53) J Wainwright 3 8 12	.....	K Lunde (7) 1
15	0260	LADY BENTINCK	(IRE) (61) A Berry 3 8 12	.....	K Stott (7) 15
16	000	MISS BOSSY BOOTS	Miss T Waggett 3 8 12	.....	P Mathers 18
17	000	MISS BUNTER	(C) O'Meara 3 8 12	.....	S De Sousa 16
18	5	MRSB	(35) Mrs K Burke 3 8 12	.....	P Mulrennan 14
19	000	POPPANELLA	(IRE) (58) L Mulloney 3 8 12	.....	D C Byrne (6) 20
20	000	ZILZIE	(IRE) Mrs A Duffield 3 8 12	.....	T Eaves 6

BETTING: 9-4 Snooky, 4-1 Qanan, 7-1 Gladstone, 8-1 Quan, 10-1 Imperial Bond, 12-1 Miss Bunter, 14-1 Ebony Express, 16-1 Mrsb, 20-1 others.

3.40 FOLLOW REDCARRACING ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER APPRENTICE HANDICAP (DIV 1) (CLASS 6). £2,500 added 3YO PLUS 6f Penalty Value £1,617.

1	206124	FAMA MAC	(4) N Bycroft 5 9 7	.....	Eva Moscrop (5) 16
2	20-605	FEEL THE HEAT	(70) (CD) B Smart 5 9 7	.....	P Sward (5) 12
3	104326	STRONG MAN	(25) M W Easterby 4 9 6	.....	D Simonsson (3) 5
4	556561	NORTHERN BOLT	(35) (D) I McInnes 7 9 6	.....	M Lawson 1
5	300410	RYDALE DANCER	(IRE) (8) (D) R C Guest 4 9 4	.....	J Hart (8) 14
6	35F-31	HOLY ANGEL	(IRE) (40) T Easterby 5 9 4	.....	D C Byrne 8
7	-63020	MORNA'S GLORY	(76) J Ward 3 9 3	.....	A Carter 15

3.40 FABER AUDIOVISUALS BALLYBRIT NOVICE CHASE (GRADE 3). £25,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 1f Penalty Value EUR19500.

1	0-153	AUGHNACURRAVEEL	(IRE) (21) T Cummins 8 11 1	.....	Mr M J O'Connor
2	21606	COTAMUNDRA	(IRE) (186) J A Barry 9 11 1	.....	R M Moran
3	11530	IL FENOMENO	(ITY) (20) N Meade 6 11 1	.....	D E Mullins
4	35F-31	TWINGLIGHT	(FR) (36) (D) P W Mullins 5 11 0	.....	R Walsh
5	310-01	ARGOCAT	(IRE) (14) T Taffe 4 10 3	.....	D C Byrne 8

BETTING: 13-8 Skibabe, 11-4 Landoero, 7-2 Whats Happening, 8-1 Ardbee Abbey, 10-1 Free To Dream, 14-1 Swarford.

4.10 RENVYLE HOUSE HOTEL HANDICAP CHASE (0-116). £9,167 added 4YO PLUS 2m 1f Penalty Value EUR7600.

1	46-233	SHRAPNEL	(IRE) (102) G Elliott 6 11 12	.....	D N Russell
2	20-605	THE BLACK RUSSIAN	(IRE) (13) F Harley 6 11 12	.....	T Kelly (7)
3	033-61	URBAN DESERT	(IRE) (10) S Braddish 8 11 12	.....	J Jones (3)

2.40 SANSERV HANDICAP HURDLE. £20,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value EUR15600.

1	3211-3	OWENACURRA MILAN	(IRE) (218) (D) (BF) Miss Mary Louise Hallahan
7	11 71 R Jones (3)	LASTOFTHETHEATERS	(IRE) (183) (D) A L Moore 9 11 3
2	1240-0	DARENJAN	(IRE) (9) (C) J Hanlon 9 11 2
3	-20200	PARK RANGER	(IRE) (40) C Roche 6 11 2
4	20-34	BATTLING BORU	(IRE) (21) (D) A Mullins 6 11 1
5	414002	FIRST IMPRESSIONS	(IRE) (15) Michael Mulvaney 6 11 1
6	P01P1F	RINROE	(IRE) (759) (C) (D) P Gilligan 10 11
7	14F0-6	IS HERSELF ABOUT	(IRE) (10) (D) M O'Brien 5 10 13
8	P-3021	FLYING LIGHT	(IRE) (F18) (CD) J Quaeley 6 10 11
9	5F-3P0	DELPHI MOUNTAIN	(IRE) (19) Denis Hogan 7 10 10

BETTING: 3-1 Owenacurra Milan, 9-2 Park Ranger, 5-1 Flying Light, 6-1 First Impressions, 7-1 Lastofthetheaters, 10-1 Darenjan, 12-1 Delphi Mountain, 14-1 Battling Boru, 15 Herself About, Rinroe.

3.10 BARNIA WASTE NOVICE HURDLE. £12,083 added 4YO PLUS 2m 4f Penalty Value EUR10000.

BETTING: 3-1 Llewellyn, 4-1 Rigolletto, 9-2 Lillarge, 6-1 Eternal Gift, 8-1 Lady Layla, 10-1 Fellele, 20-1 Barista, 20-1 More Bottle, Bussa, Ave Sofia, 33-1 others.

3.50 SIR GORDON RICHARDS CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS 3). £11,000 added 3YO PLUS 1m 4f Penalty Value £6,931.

1	15256-	GENZY	(FR) (491) (BF) J Williams 4 9 2	.....	J Crowley 4
2	330402	MUHAAR	(17) (BF) R Varian 4 9 2	.....	N Callan 3
3	141013	THE LOCK MASTER	(IRE) (3) (C) (D) M Appleby 5 9 2	.....	Mud Murt (7) 1
4	3-12	MODEL PUPIL	(172) C Hills 3 8 13	.....	R Hughes 5
5	44-300	CRACKING LASS	(132) (CD) R Fahy 5 8 11	.....	T Hamilton 2

BETTING: 10-11 Model Pupil, 7-4 Mijhaar, 8-1 Genzy, 4-1 Cracking Lass, 25-1 The Lock Master.

4.20 HAYMARKET NURSERY (DIV 2) (CLASS 6). £3,000 added 2YO only 7f Penalty Value £1,941.

1	303	BELL'ARTE	(IRE) (18) (BF) M Johnston 9 7	J Fanning 1
2	1	LAUGHING ROCK	(IRE) (49) (CD) P McEntee 9 5	A Nicholls 4
3	304332	GLOSSY POSSE	(IR) R Hannan 9 4	R Hughes 3
4	0535	TIGER'S HOME	(123) Miss J Feilden 9 3	J Quinn 6
5	15020	SLIPSTREAM ANGEL	(IRE) (1) R Fahy 9 2	T Hamilton 5
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11	656004	KRYENA'S ROSE	(37) M Channon 8 7	S Hitchcott 11

BETTING: 5-2 Glossy Posse, 7-2 Bell'arte, 5-1 Laughing Rock, 6-1 Romanoff, 10-1 Slipstream Angel, 12-1 Otto The First, Tiger's Home, 16-1 Stupenda, 20-1 others.

Monday's runners

BETTING: 11-2 Piste, 6-1 Northern Bolt, 7-1 Scarlet Rocks, 15-2 Fama Mac, 8-1 Holy Angel, 10-1 Cannon Bolt, 12-1 Windygulad, 16-1 Feel The Heat, Tenancy, Ace Master, Michael's Nook, 20-1 others.

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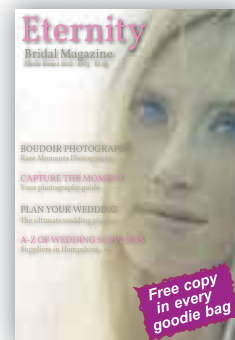
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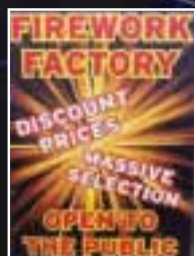
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HT 0-0		
A. Villa1	Norwich1	
Benteke 27	Turner 79	Att 33,184
HT 1-0		
Man CityL	SwanseaL	
HT 1-0		
Reading.....3	Fulham.....3	
Leighward 26	Ruiz 61	
McCleary 85	Baird 77	
Robson-Kanu 90	Berbatov 88	Att 24,093
HT 1-0		
Stoke.....0	Sunderland.....0	
HT 0-0		
Wigan.....2	West Ham.....1	
Ramsey 8, McArthur 47	Tomkins 90	Att 27,005
HT 1-0		

P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Chelsea	8	4	0	0	11	3	3	1	0	8	32
Man Utd	8	3	0	1	13	7	3	0	1	8	18
Man City	8	3	1	0	10	4	2	2	0	7	18
Arsenal	9	2	1	1	8	3	2	2	0	1	6
Everton	8	2	2	1	0	6	3	2	2	1	9
Fulham	9	3	0	2	1	10	2	1	0	2	9
Spurs	8	1	2	2	7	9	1	0	1	3	7
W.B.A.	8	4	0	0	1	10	4	0	2	1	2
West Ham	9	3	1	1	10	5	1	1	2	3	6
Swansea	8	2	2	2	1	9	8	1	0	2	5
Newcastle	8	1	1	1	4	5	0	3	1	5	7
Stoke	9	1	3	0	3	1	0	3	2	5	8
Liverpool	8	1	2	2	4	6	1	1	1	6	6
Sunderland	8	1	2	0	3	2	0	4	1	3	6
Wigan	9	1	2	2	7	9	1	0	1	7	14
Norwich	9	1	2	1	4	6	0	2	3	3	12
A. Villa	9	1	2	1	5	5	0	1	4	2	9
Reading	8	0	3	1	7	9	0	1	3	4	8
SAINTS	8	2	1	1	4	5	0	3	1	7	10
Q.P.R.	9	0	2	2	2	8	0	1	4	5	10

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Barnsley1	Nottm For4	
Harewood 24	Halford 35, Cox 42	
HT 1-3	Cohen 45, Jenas 77	
Blackburn1	Watford0	
Rhodes 90		Att 13,233
HT 0-0		
Blackpool.....1	Brighton.....1	
Grandin 72	Barnes 56	Att 14,038
HT 0-0		
Bristol C.....L	Hull.....L	
HT 1-1		
Cardiff.....4	Burnley.....0	
Mason 3, Noone 41		
Connolly 82		
Gunnarsson 85		
HT 2-0		
Ipswich.....0	Sheff Wed.....1	
HT 0-0	Barkley 2,58, Antonio 81	Att 21,191
Leeds Utd.....0	Birmingham.....1	
HT 0-0	Lita 76	Att 17,738
Leicester.....1	Crystal P.....2	
King 90	Delaney 23, Ramage 28	Att 23,646
HT 0-2		
Middlesbrough.....2	Bolton.....1	
McDonald 67,85	Lee 42	
HT 0-1		Att 16,200
Millwall.....4	Huddersfield.....0	
Wood 28,61, Henry 73		
Trotter 88		Att 11,066
HT 1-0		
Peterborough.....3	Derby City.....0	
Boswell 30		
Berahino 86,90		
HT 1-0		Att 8,427
Wolves.....1	Charlton.....1	
Sako 12	Wilson 58	Att 22,198
HT 1-0		

P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Cardiff	13	7	0	0	17	4	2	1	3	9	11
Leicester	13	6	0	1	12	4	2	1	3	8	25
Middlesbrough	13	5	1	1	14	8	3	0	3	7	10
Crystal P	13	3	2	1	14	12	4	1	2	9	9
Blackburn	13	5	0	2	8	5	1	5	0	11	9
Nottm For	13	3	2	1	8	5	2	4	1	12	9
Wolves	13	3	3	1	11	8	3	0	3	7	6
Huddersfield	13	3	3	1	11	8	3	0	3	7	6
Brighton	13	2	2	2	9	4	3	2	2	7	5
Leeds Utd	13	3	2	2	10	9	2	2	2	10	10
Hull	12	4	0	2	13	9	2	1	3	5	8
Blackpool	13	3	2	2	16	10	2	1	3	6	8
Derby City	13	3	2	1	12	8	1	3	6	10	17
Burnley	13	3	2	1	14	10	2	0	5	12	19
Millwall	13	3	1	1	13	11	1	3	2	10	13
Watford	13	2	2	1	3	6	3	0	4	11	15
Birmingham	13	2	2	1	9	2	2	0	4	7	10
Bolton	13	3	2	1	11	8	1	1	5	8	14
Barnsley	13	2	3	2	6	9	2	0	4	9	11
Charlton	13	1	2	3	4	6	2	3	2	10	9
Peterboro	13	2	0	5	9	10	2	0	4	7	10
Sheff Wed	13	2	1	3	9	11	1	2	4	9	12
Bristol C	12	2	1	3	17	16	1	1	4	6	10
Ipswich	10	0	2	5	6	14	1	2	3	4	12

npower League One

Brentford.....2	Hartlepool.....2	
Hayes 11,58	Dean 25, Craig 90	
HT 1-1		Att 5,213
Bury.....1	Walsall.....1	
Poleon 11	Grigg 7	Att 2,514
HT 1-1		

Carlisle.....2	CHERRIES.....4	
Noble 18	Pugh 8,31	
Symington 76	Grabban 51, Barnard 61	
HT 1-2		Att 4,050
Crawley.....1	Oldham.....1	
McFadzean 79	Baxter 67	
HT 0-0		Att 3,375
Crewe.....0	Yeovil.....1	
HT 0-1	Webster 40	
Leyton O.....0	Coventry.....1	
HT 0-1	Att 4,176	
Notts Cnty.....0	Doncaster.....2	
HT 0-0	Keegan 61, Brown 63	
Scunthorpe.....0	M K Dons.....3	
HT 0-0	Cassidy 58	Att 6,750
Shrewsbury.....2	Colchester.....2	
Hall 79,82	Chadwick 17,30, Smith 60	
HT 0-2		Att 2,737
Stevens.....0	Swindon.....4	
HT 0-3	Eastmond 3	
Tranmere.....1	Preston.....1	
Cassidy 85	Huntington 50	
HT 0-0		Att 7,732

P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Tranmere	15	5	2	1	18	7	4	2	1	14	7
Crawley	15	5	1	2	15	12	4	1	2	8	29
Stevens	15	3	4	1	12	12	5	1	1	8	4
Sheff Utd	14	3	4	0	10	6	4	3	0	8	4
Doncaster	14	3	1	2	7	7	5	2	1	13	5
Notts Cnty	15	3	1	4	12	11	4	3	0	14	6
Swindon	15	3	2	2	11	5	4	2	2	9	25
M K Dons	14	2	2	2	13	6	3	3	12	13	22
Preston	15	3	1	3	9	8	4	0	4	16	13
Yeovil	15	5	2	1	14	8	0	5	2	7	9
Brentford	15	3	3	1	11	7	2	2	4	6	11
Colchester	15	3	3	1	10	12	3	2	3	8	19
Walsall	15	2	2	4	11	18	3	2	2	8	9
Carlisle	14	3	1	3	10	8	2	2	4	13	18
POMPEY	15	2	4	1	11	8	2	2	4	13	18
CHERRIES	14	2	1	7	7	17	1	3	8	17	17
Oldham	15	3	2	3	7	8	1	3	3	7	13
Crewe	15	3	0	5	6	8	2	1	4	5	10
Leyton O	15	3	2	3	10	9	0	3	4	6	11
Shrewsbury	15	1	3	5	8	10	2	2	4	7	12
Coventry	15	1	3	5	7	17	1	2	4	10	10
Scunthorpe	15	1	3	4	6	12	0	3	4	9	15
Bury	15	1	3	3	7	10	0	2	6	6	18
Hartlepool	15	1	3	3	6	12	0	2	6	6	18

npower League Two

AFC Wimbledon.....0	Gillingham.....1	
HT 0-1	Vincelott 23	Att 4,546
Acc Stanley.....1	Bristol R.....0	
Amund 79		Att 1,462
HT 0-0		
Burton Albion.....1	Bradford.....0	
Zola 60		
HT 0-0		
Cheltenham.....3	Exeter.....0	
D Ath 55, Lowe 62,87		Att 3,545
HT 0-0		
Chesterfield.....0	Barnet.....1	
HT 0-0	Byrne 62 pen	Att 5,611
Dagenham.....0	Aldershot.....0	
HT 0-0		Att 1,771
Northampton.....2	Port Vale.....0	
A Nicholls 20, Moult 43		Att 5,061
HT 2-0		
Rochdale.....0	Fleetwood Town.....0	
HT 0-0		Att 2,372
Rotherham.....1	Plymouth.....0	
Agard 73		Att 6,938
HT 0-0		
Southend.....0	York.....0	
HT 0-0		Att 5,397
Torquay.....1	Morecambe.....0	
Stevens 30		Att 2,457
HT 1-0		
Wycombe.....1	Oxford Utd.....3	
Grant 49 pen	Constable 4, Graddock 46	Att 4,498
HT 0-1	Mullins 62	

P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Gillingham	15	5	1	1	18	5	6	1	1	12	5
Port Vale	15	4	2	1	18	7	5	1	2	15	9
Cheltenham	15	5	1	2	14	10	3	3	1	8	7
Fleetwood T	15	3	2	2	10	9	4	3	1	11	4
Bradford	15	5	1	1	16	5	2	2	4	8	13
Rotherham	14	6	0	2	16	8	1	3	2	7	9
Torquay	15	5	3	0	17	10	1	3	3	6	8
Burton Albion	15	3	1	1	19	9	2	2	4	11	23
Rochdale	15	2	4	2	7	5	4	1	2	14	14
York	15	2	3	2	9	10	3	4	1	11	8
Exeter	15	2	1	4	8	11	4	1	3	13	20
Acc Stanley	15	2	1	3	7	8	1	1	3	11	14
Southend	15	3	2	3	9	8	2	2	3	10	9
Northampton	15	4	2	2	13	7	1	2	4	7	14
Oxford Utd	15	4	1	2	14	9	2	0	6	8	18
Chesterfield	15	3	3	1	12	12	2	0	5	6	18
Morecambe	15	2	2	3	8	12	3	1	0	10	9
Plymouth	15	2	2	3	10	12	2	3	3	10	9
Dagenham	15	2	4	2	10	8	1	3	3	10	16
Bristol R	14	2	1	3	6	11	1	3	6	6	14
AFC Wdon	15	2	1	5	9	11	2	1	4	9	14
Wycombe	14	1	3	5	8	12	0	5	8	15	12
Aldershot	15	1	1	5	2	9	1	2	4	10	12
Barnet	15	1	2	4	9	13	1	2	5	4	13

